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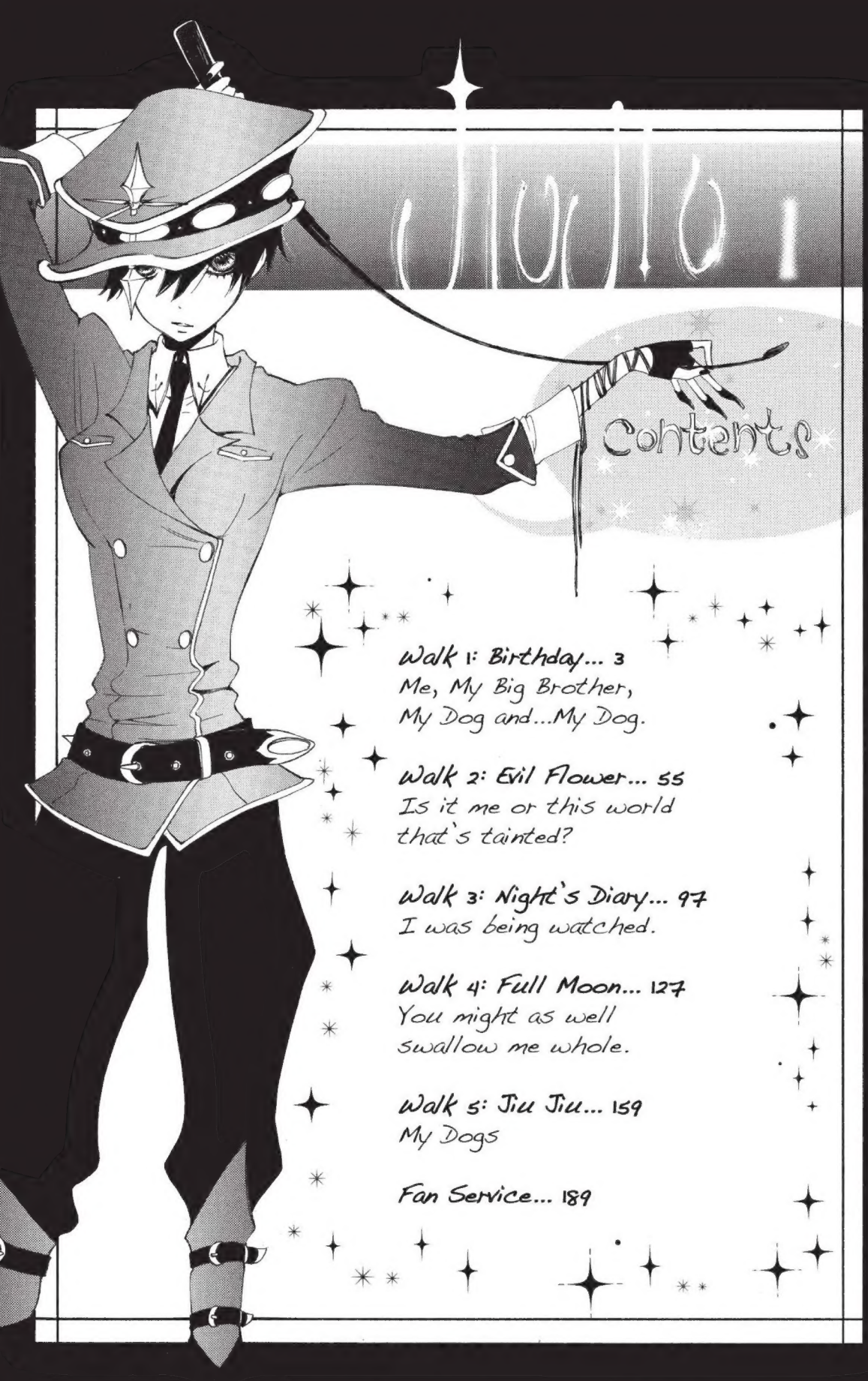

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JIU
JIU
—獣従—
WALK 1: BIRTHDAY

Jiu Jiu Rules

- Never reveal your true identity.
- Never kill a human.
- Never go out during a full moon.
- Always obey your Mistress.

Failure to follow these rules is punishable by death.

Receiving and Carrying Out Missions

A special government office sends the mission to the Hachioji Clan representative. Any collateral damage is handled by that office.

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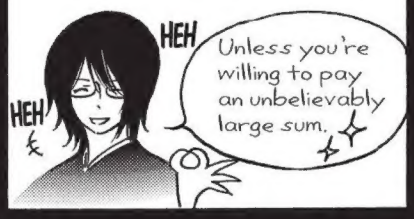

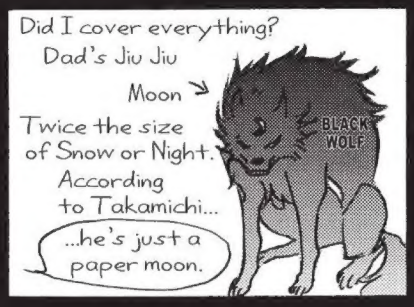

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Princess Haruka Hodaka

Friends

Mami

The *Hana to Yume* Editorial Office

Nyao-chan the Goddess

Naato-sama

Naato's cute Takamura-sama

Everybody who had anything to do with this manga

You, for reading it.

"NO ONE NEEDS YOU."
THAT'S WHAT I'VE BEEN TOLD.
BUT SO WHAT?
MOST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD AREN'T NEEDED.
RSTL
HEY! DON'T CRY, MICHI!
I'M YOUR MASTER, REMEMBER?
AND YOU HAFTA FOLLOW YOUR MASTER'S ORDERS!
SO STOP CRYING!
I'M NOT CRYIN'.
THAT WAS THE DAY...
...MY TWIN BROTHER DIED. HE WAS EVERY-THING TO ME.

...THEN WHAT'S THE POINT OF...
IF NOTHING LASTS FOREVER ...
SEVERAL YEARS LATER...
I'M FINE BY MYSELF.
PLEASE! YOU CAN'T KEEP GOING OFF ON YOUR OWN!
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
TAKAMICHI HACHIOJI: THIRTEEN YEARS OLD.
DESCENDED FROM A CLAN OF "DARK HUNTERS," THOSE WHO...
...HUNT DOWN DEMONS WHO LURK IN THE SHADOWS AND PREY ON PEOPLE.
THE TRUTH IS, YOU GUYS JUST...
...CARING ABOUT ANY-THING?
...GET IN MY WAY.
MISTRESS!

JIU JIU

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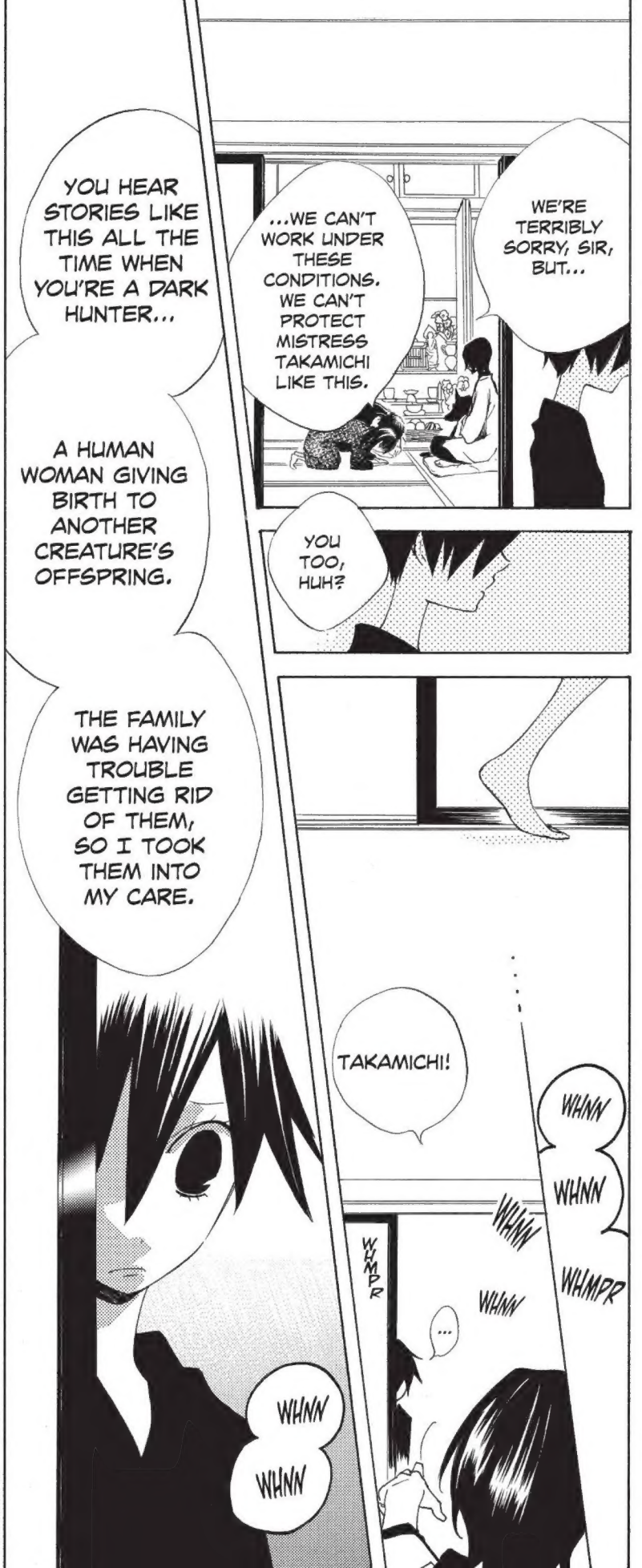
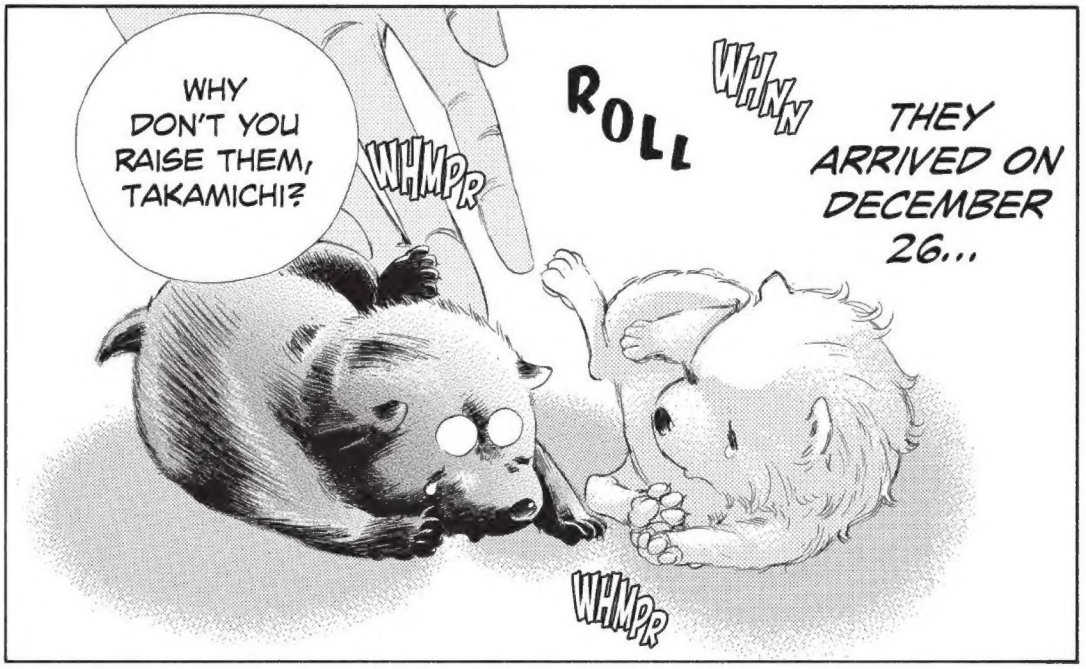
Long time no see. Tobina here!

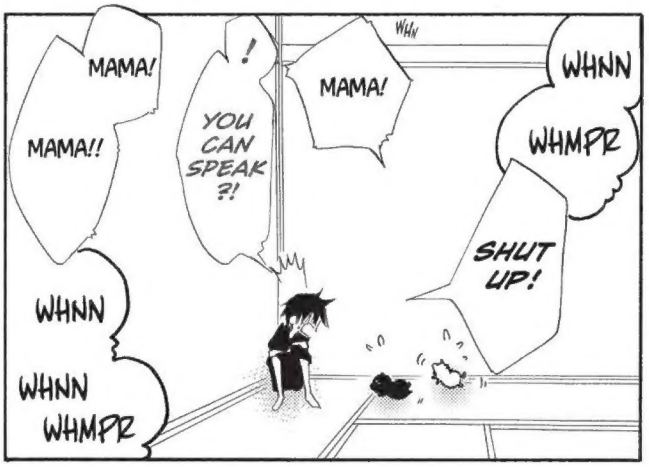
Thank you so much for picking up a copy of Jiu Jiu.

My editor kept pushing me to create Jiu Jiu. He was always saying, "Hurry up and make a storyboard of a series for the magazine!" (I'm very grateful for the pressure, actually.) But I was having trouble coming up with a good idea. The advice I got was, "Create a male character who will be popular with girls!" But, I thought, I have no idea what that means! And if I did, I wouldn't be having so much trouble in the first place. Nevertheless, I brainstormed some characters off the top of my head and they turned out to be the basis for Takamichi, Snow, Night, and some of the other characters... In a story about male and female androids created as weapons!

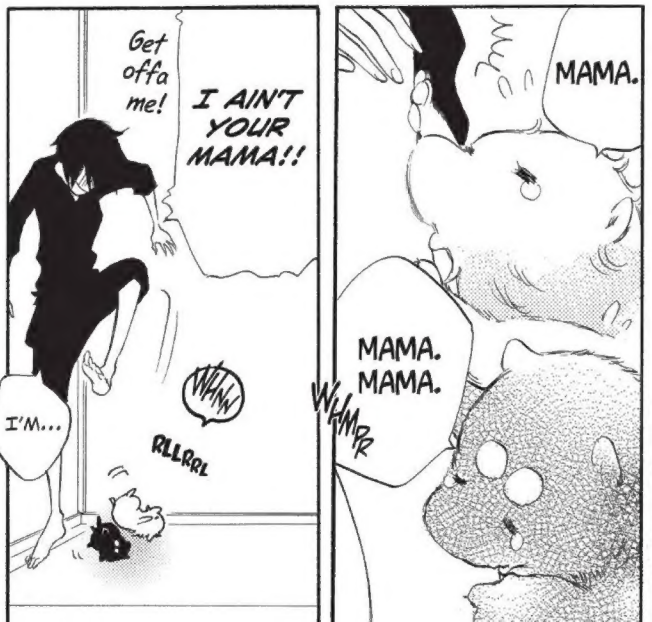
→To be continued...


YOU HEAR STORIES LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME WHEN YOU'RE A DARK HUNTER...
A HUMAN WOMAN GIVING BIRTH TO ANOTHER CREATURE'S OFFSPRING.
THE FAMILY WAS HAVING TROUBLE GETTING RID OF THEM, SO I TOOK THEM INTO MY CARE.
...WE CAN'T WORK UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. WE CAN'T PROTECT MISTRESS TAKAMICHI LIKE THIS.
WE'RE TERRIBLY SORRY, SIR, BUT...
YOU TOO, HUH?
TAKAMICHI!
WHNN
WHNN
WHNN
WHNN
WHMPR
WHMPR
...





IN FACT, MY FATHER AND OTHER MEMBERS OF MY CLAN KEEP SUCH HALF-ANIMAL, HALF-HUMANS AS HUNTING PARTNERS. THEY'RE CALLED "JIU JIU"...



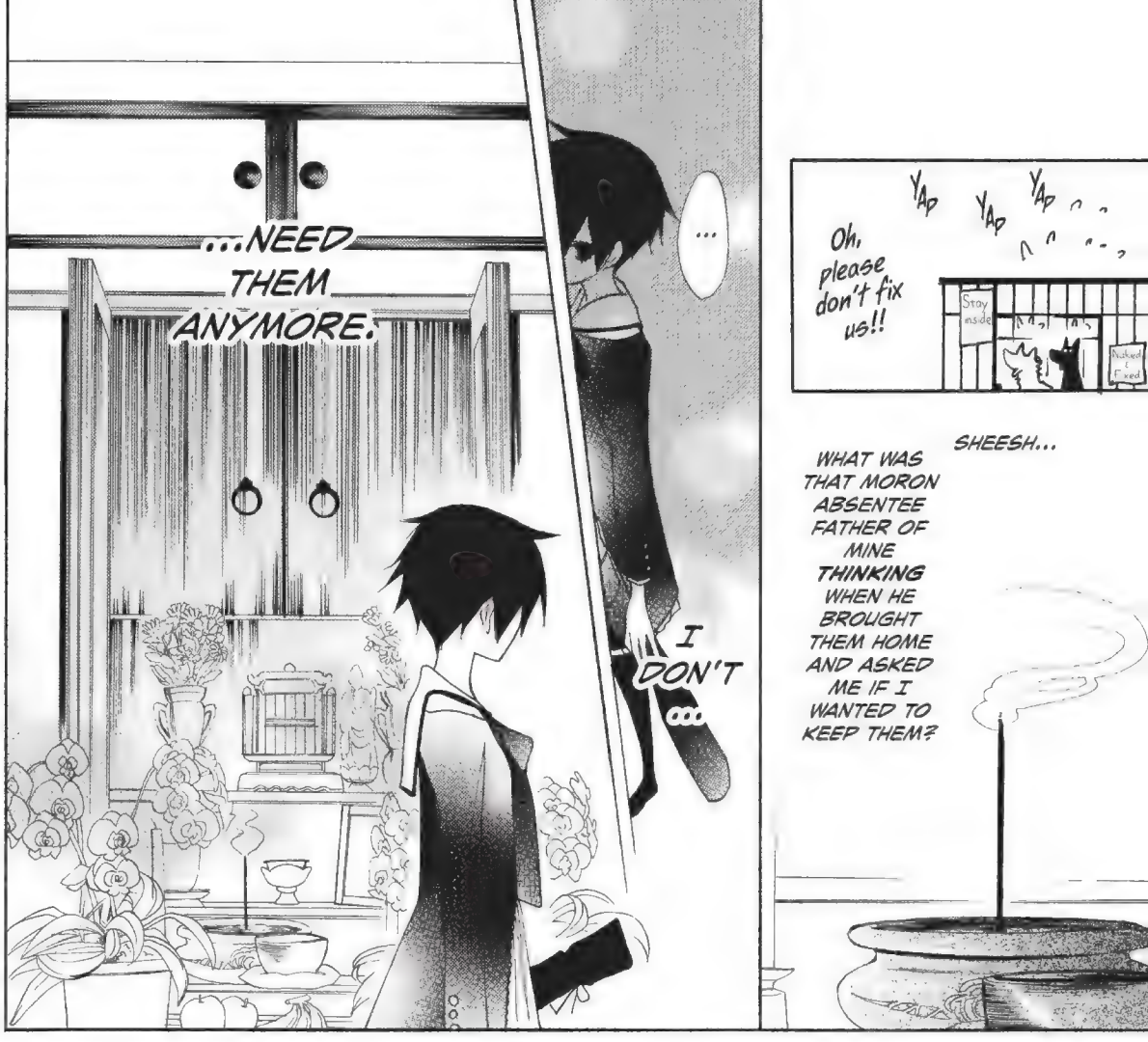
PAP
ALMOST THREE YEARS HAVE PASSED SINCE THAT DAY.
...
I'M YOUR MISTRESS!
AND YOU HAVE TO OBEY YOUR MISTRESS'S ORDERS!
SO STOP CRYING!
I JUST REPEATED WHAT I'D HEARD...
...TO SHUT THEM UP, BUT THEN...
BRNG
BRRRNG
MISTRESS!
MISTRESSY!
Not "Mistressy"!
MISTRESSY!
5:00

TAKAMICHI HACHIOJI
THE TWO PUPS GREW UP INCREDIBLY FAST...
BRNG
BRNG
BRNG
BRNG
CURRENTLY A FRESHMAN IN HIGH SCHOOL. SIXTEEN YEARS OLD.
FEMALE.
...BUT THEY STILL CLING TO THEIR MISTRESS LIKE... PUPPY DOGS.

BRNG
BRNG
Mmph.
BRNG
DON'T WANNA GET UP.
GRMPH.
SMOOSH
Hmph.
GOOD MORNING ...
...
GET AWAY FROM HER, SNOW!
... MISTRESS.

AND NOW I'M STUCK WITH...
THIS AIN'T...
...YOUR BED!!
WHAP
WHAP
YELP!!
...TWO PET WOLVES.
You two are such a pain!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU?! YOU AREN'T ALLOWED OUT OF YOUR KENNEL WITHOUT A GOOD REASON!
SNOW!
NIGHT!
BUT THE KENNEL'S TOO SMALL FOR US TO SLEEP IN WHEN WE'RE IN HUMAN FORM!!
I DON'T GET IT... WHY DO YOU WANT TO SLEEP IN HUMAN FORM ANYWAY?
MIS-TRESS!
Stay inside !!
IT'S STILL DARK OUTSIDE...
...
I'M GOING TO W-
It's too small !!
YOU'RE GOING TO WALK? YOU'RE GOING FOR A WALK?!
Wha?!
For real?
-TO WORK.
STUPID MUTTS.
I WANNA PLAY WITH ONE OF THOSE FRISBEES!
Buy me a frisbee?

GRAB
YOU'RE IN MY WAY.
WE'RE GOING WITH YOU!
HA HA
OH NO! NO NO NO!
QUIT FOLLOWING ME.
TP
TP
TP
Fwee know you're gwoing for a walk!
MMRRFF...
Mmrf... Mwat vwould be sfo fun...
WE PROMISED YOUR FATHER WE'D PROTECT YOU, MISTRESS.
THAT'S NOT ME YOU'RE TALKING TO.
IT'S THE CAT.
WASH
WASH
ARRRGH!
YOU'RE SUCH A NUI-SANCE.
I WANNA GO TOO!!
YOU'RE GOING TO THAT PLACE CALLED "SCHOOL" AFTERWARDS, AREN'T YOU?!
...I'M GOING TO TAKE YOU TO THE VET AND GET YOU FIXED!
IF YOU GUYS DON'T QUIT WALKING AROUND IN HUMAN FORM STARK NAKED...
By the way...
WHNW
I WANNA GO TOO!!
I WANNA GO TOO!
OH.
WHEN DID YOU MOVE OVER THERE, MISTRESS...?


...NEED THEM ANYMORE.
...
I DON'T ...
YAP YAP YAP
Oh, please don't fix us!!
Stay inside
Naked Fixed
SHEESH...
WHAT WAS THAT MORON ABSENTEE FATHER OF MINE THINKING WHEN HE BROUGHT THEM HOME AND ASKED ME IF I WANTED TO KEEP THEM?

MAKES SENSE, DOESN'T IT?
SNEAK
SLK
Sub Mission
○○Town, Number○○. Beneath the elevated railway tracks

GRIEVING OVER THE DEATH OF A FELLOW HUNTER...
... IT'S ...
JUST THE THOUGHT OF GOING ON LIFE-THREATENING MISSIONS...
... TOTALLY INSANE.
SKREECH
SKRAK
OH...

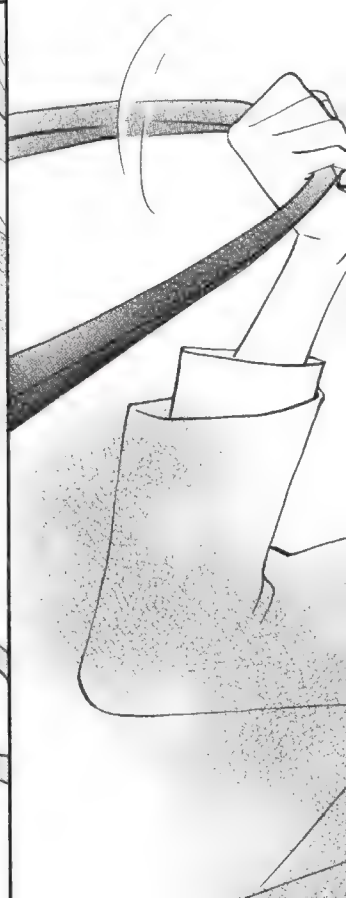
!
HOW DID YOU...?
IT'S ON!
I'M GONNA CHEW THAT DEMON TO BITS!
...YEAH!
STAND BACK, MISTRESS!
TAKAMICHI!
BMP
OWW!

Ehoo
THOK
You...
STUPID DOGS!!
WHOK
YIPE!
That hurt!
YELP!
NNGH ...!
HOW MANY TIMES DO I HAVE TO TELL YOU NOT TO GET IN MY WAY?!
TUP
TUP
TUP
CAN'T LET ANYONE KNOW I DIDN'T EVEN NOTICE THEM FOLLOWING ME...
AND QUIT FOLLOWING ME!!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
You guys are like ordinary dogs!!
Are you listening to me?! Especially you, Snow!!

...GOING ON WALKS WITH YOU, TAKAMICHI!
It's so much fun!
BIG SURPRISE...
KLANG
I LOVE...
ARE YOU TAKING US FOR A WALK?!
OH, YES! SHE IS!
KLANG
I'M TAKING YOU HOME.
TAKAMICHI! TAKAMICHI!
WOOF
I VOWED NEVER TO LET MY-SELF...
...GET TOO CLOSE.
BUT YOU'VE GOT TO STOP PUTTING THESE LEASHES ON US!
WOOF WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
SHUT UP AND WALK.

NOT TO ANYBODY.
EVER AGAIN.
I'M GOING TOO!!
SHUT UP! YOU'RE IN MY WAY. I'VE GOT TO GET CHANGED!!
WHAK
YIPE!
STOP GETTING UNDER-FOOT, NIGHT!!
ARRGHH...
WHAK
YIPE!
I wanna go too!
POOR SNOW AND NIGHT...
SHE'S SO HARSH WITH THEM...
I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY THEY REMAIN LOYAL TO HER!
...
I FEEL SO SORRY FOR THEM...
WHINE
WHINE

THE HELL IF I KNOW.



WE DON'T MIND!
MIS-TRESS! YOU MUSTN'T BE LATE.
HURRY UP! YOU'RE GONNA BE LATE IF YOU DON'T GET READY FASTER!!
KLTTR
KLUNK
KLTTR
I DON'T CARE HOW BADLY YOU WANT TO GO WITH ME...
...
I'M NOT TAKING YOU TO SCHOOL.
Not at all. We're busy anyway!!
"I CAN'T IMAGINE WHY THEY REMAIN LOYAL TO HER!"
THEY USUALLY CLING TO ME UNTIL THE BITTER END.
I wanna go too!
"POOR SNOW AND NIGHT. SHE'S SO HARSH WITH THEM...
I - A
HMPH...
THAT WAS WEIRD. THEY WERE AWFULLY REASONABLE TODAY...
TMP
TMP
TMP

BECAUSE THAT'S THE WAY I BROUGHT THEM UP, THAT'S WHY.

WH
FOUND YOU, TAKAMICHI!
AH?
EH?
...
WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
SNOW?! NIGHT?!
COME WITH ME!
BLAH
BLAH
ARE YOU OKAY ...
...MIS-TRESS?
!
WE'RE HERE.
...
Careful!
Careful...

NOW WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER!
WE ASKED YOUR FATHER TO ENROLL US AT YOUR SCHOOL.
Behind my back...
...
HEY, TAKAMICHI!
CUT IT OUT.
SNOW...

HA HA HA!
IT'S NOT FUNNY.
AT LEAST BUTTON YOUR SHIRT PROPERLY.

I'M MAD AT YOU MUTTS.

FWOOSH
SO THAT'S WHY YOU'VE BEEN SNEAKING INTO MY BED LATELY...
AH-HA...
...
SHIP
HMM...
WE'VE BEEN TRAINING! BUILDING UP OUR ENDURANCE!
WE CAN EVEN SLEEP IN HUMAN FORM NOW.
You tire out quickly in human form.
AND REMEMBER, YOU CAN'T TURN INTO WOLVES AT SCHOOL!

MIS-TRESS ...
PLEASE DON'T WORRY YOURSELF.
WE'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT.
...
I SAID, CUT IT OUT!
TUP
STAY OUT OF MY LIFE!
WHAT ARE YOU TWO PLAYING AT?! YOU'RE NOT EVEN THREE YEARS OLD YET!
SHUV
SCHOOL ISN'T A DOG RUN, YOU KNOW!
IT'S A PLACE TO STUDY!
DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT EITHER.
WE STUDIED VERY HARD. WE PASSED THE TRANSFER STUDENT ADMISSIONS EXAM.
HEH HEH
Aren't you impressed?
FAILS MOST CLASSES.
THAT'S AMAZING ...
WHAT THE ...?
It is?!

Oh! Night! Your zipper is down!
...
Hmph.
You have to learn to do it yourself!
YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE TO WEAR CLOTHES EVERY DAY NOW, YOU KNOW!
JUST REMEMBER...
NEVER...
YES, YES...
NEVER REVEAL OUR TRUE IDENTITY.
NEVER KILL A HUMAN.
DON'T GO OUT DURING A FULL MOON.
ALWAYS OBEY OUR MISTRESS.
FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE RULES IS PUNISHABLE BY DEATH.
...
SIGH...
WHAT A PAIN...
AND DON'T...
...EVER LEAVE MY SIGHT.
HEY!
TAKAMICHI!
IS THERE A FRISBEE HERE?!
I FOUND A BALL!
I told you mutts, this ain't a dog run!!
WHACK SMACK
YELP!
Takamichi! What's that?
Dunno.
And that?
That's a toilet.

I FEEL LIKE EVERYONE'S STARING AT ME...
A RIB-BON.

MRMR
MRMR
A toilet.

UM...
HACHIOJI...

MRMR
MRMR
What's that?
Toilets are boring.
A toilet.
Dunno.

"MAMA" ?!
UH-HUH.
WE CALLED HER MAMA ONCE BUT SHE GOT MAD AND SHE TOLD US, "I'M NOT YOUR MAMA, I'M YOUR MISTRESS."
GRAB
THAT'S ENOUGH! DON'T SAY ANY MORE THAN YOU NEED TO!!

MRMR
MRMR
MRMR
ARE YOU RELATED OR SOMETHING?
YOU THREE ALL HAVE THE SAME LAST NAME...
...AND IT SEEMS LIKE YOU'RE GOOD FRIENDS.

AND TAKAMICHI IS OUR MISTRESS!
...
NOD
NIGHT AND I ARE BROTHERS!
YOUR... MISTRESS?
Are you twins? You don't look alike.

I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE.

WHAT A DRAG...
I'VE BEEN DYING TO GET A CHANCE TO TALK TO YOU, TAKAMICHI...
We ought to talk more often!
...AND THIS IS A GOOD EXCUSE!
!
GO STRAIGHT HOME!
Heh heh.
Hey! What are you grinning about?!
WHACK
I'VE GOT BUSINESS TO ATTEND TO.
THERE!

Hurry up! Come in, come in...
TAKAMICHI HACHIOJI!
WE'RE ABOUT TO START THE MAKEUP EXAM!
SHLOOP
NO, YOU'VE GOT IT ALL WRONG.
NO WAY! WE WON'T LET YOU!
YOU'RE GONNA HUNT AGAIN WITHOUT US, AREN'T YOU?!
...NOW THAT WE KNOW, WE'LL HELP YOU!
HARD TO BELIEVE, BUT...
...
OH, NO ...
YOU DON'T NEED TO TAKE THIS TEST, NIGHT HACHIOJI.
GO HOME.
...AND DO MY BEST TO PASS IT!
IF IT IS, I'LL TAKE IT...
AHEE ARGH
...
IS A MAKEUP EXAM A KIND OF TEST?!
GOOD LUCK TOMORROW.
ALL RIGHT.
THAT'S IT FOR TODAY.
C'MON! LET'S ACE THIS MAKEUP EXAM!
You'll just have to get used to us now!
WHAT A DRAG...
WE HAD YOU PEGGED AS THE SHYEST LITTLE RICH GIRL IN SCHOOL, TAKAMICHI!
...
Please be seated, everyone.

Oh! THERE SHE IS!
TAKAMICHI!
We're walking home together !!
OH FOR THE LOVE OF...!
THEY ARE SUCH A PAIN IN THE...!

HEY.
HEY!
You're in my way.
YOU TWO MUST HAVE BEEN BORN IN THE WINTER, HUH?
Snow is such a wintry name!

Snowie, Night! Let's play.
Rope ?!
A... ROPE?
Um... How 'bout you put a rope around my neck and take me for a walk?
WHAT DO YOU WANNA DO?
We have a ball.
Jealous...
She's jealous...

DECEMBER 25

WELL? WHEN'S YOUR BIRTHDAY?
CHOMP
What are you two doing?!
They're just horsing around.
...
DECEMBER 26...
HOWL!
WHAT'S A PRESENT?
Does it taste good?
YOU KNOW, EAT GOOD FOOD...
CELE-BRATE?
WE'VE GOT TO CELE-BRATE!
...AND GET PRES-ENTS.
But that's tomorrow!
The twenty-sixth?!
What?!
KLNG
UM...
...
A PRESENT IS SOMETHING YOU GIVE TO...
...SOMEONE YOU CARE ABOUT. SOMETHING YOU THINK THEY'LL LIKE.
AND THIS...

...KIND OF PRESENT SAYS...
"I'M GLAD YOU WERE BORN."
THAT'S WHAT A BIRTHDAY PRESENT IS.
Oh, wow!
That's right.

A REMEDIAL CLASS, HUH?
Finally... over.
BUT YOU NEED TO WORK HARDER FROM NOW ON SO YOU DON'T HAVE TO TAKE ANOTHER MAKEUP EXAM.
Especially you.

SNOW AND NIGHT ARE FIGHTING AT THE SCHOOL GATE!
TAKA-MICHI! COME QUICK!

...
SO IT'S BEEN EXACTLY THREE YEARS TO THE DAY TOMORROW ...
ALL RIGHT! YOU ALL WORKED VERY HARD TO PASS YOUR MAKEUP EXAM!
ZHLOOP

I'LL RIP YOUR THROAT OUT!!
I'LL TEAR YOU APART!
LIKE TO SEE YOU TRY!
WHUMP...

HEY!
YOU STUPID MUTTS!
GRP
YOU TWO...
...ARE SO GROUNDED.
WHAT THE HELL...
...ARE YOU DOING?!
KLNGG
!
BUT, MIS-TRESS ...!
WE CAN'T PROTECT YOU FROM IN HERE!
I DON'T NEED YOUR PROTECTION.
OH, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...

WE DON'T NEED YOU ON THE HUNT.
I NEVER NEEDED YOU TWO...
...FROM THE START!
YOUR BROTHER IS THE ONE WHO WILL BE TAKING OVER THE FAMILY HUNTING.
YOU SHOULD NEVER...
...HAVE BEEN BORN.
NO ONE EVER TALKS ABOUT IT, BUT...
...IF IT WEREN'T FOR ME, MY BIG BROTHER WOULD STILL BE ALIVE.
WHIMPR
WHIMPR
WHIMPR
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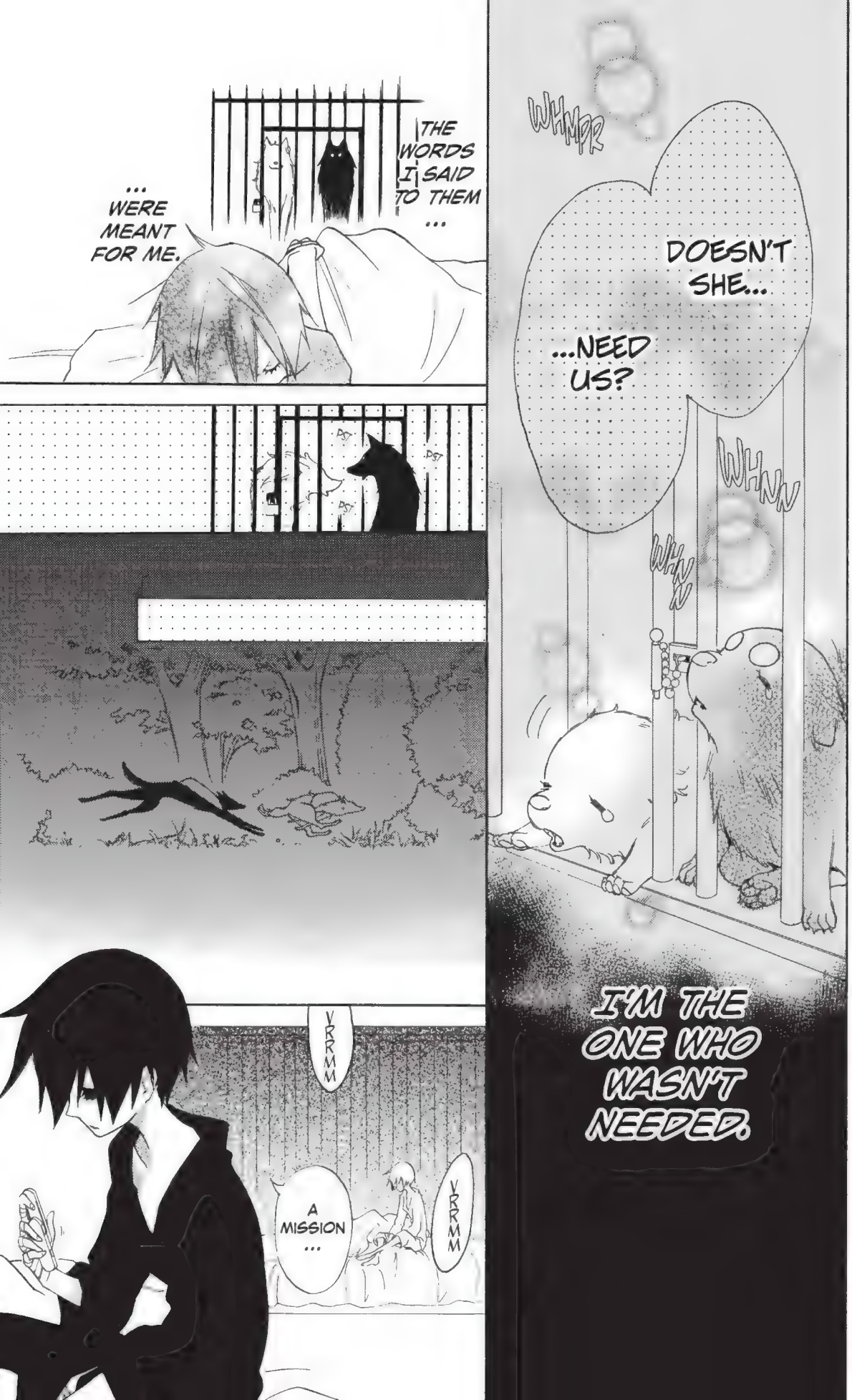
WHERE'S MAMA?
DOESN'T SHE WANT US?
DOESN'T MAMA WANT US?


THE WORDS I SAID TO THEM ...
... WERE MEANT FOR ME.
WHIMPR
DOESN'T SHE...
...NEED US?
WHNN
WHN
I'M THE ONE WHO WASN'T NEEDED.
VRRMM
A MISSION ...
VRRMM

ISN'T THIS WHAT I'VE ALWAYS DREAMED OF?
GRRR...
I REALLY...
...
THEY MIGHT NEVER FIND...
...THEIR WAY BACK TO ME FROM HERE.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
Dog Houses
Dog Supplies
DOG HOUSE
OFF LIMITS
...NEVER NEEDED THEM...
GRRR
RRR...

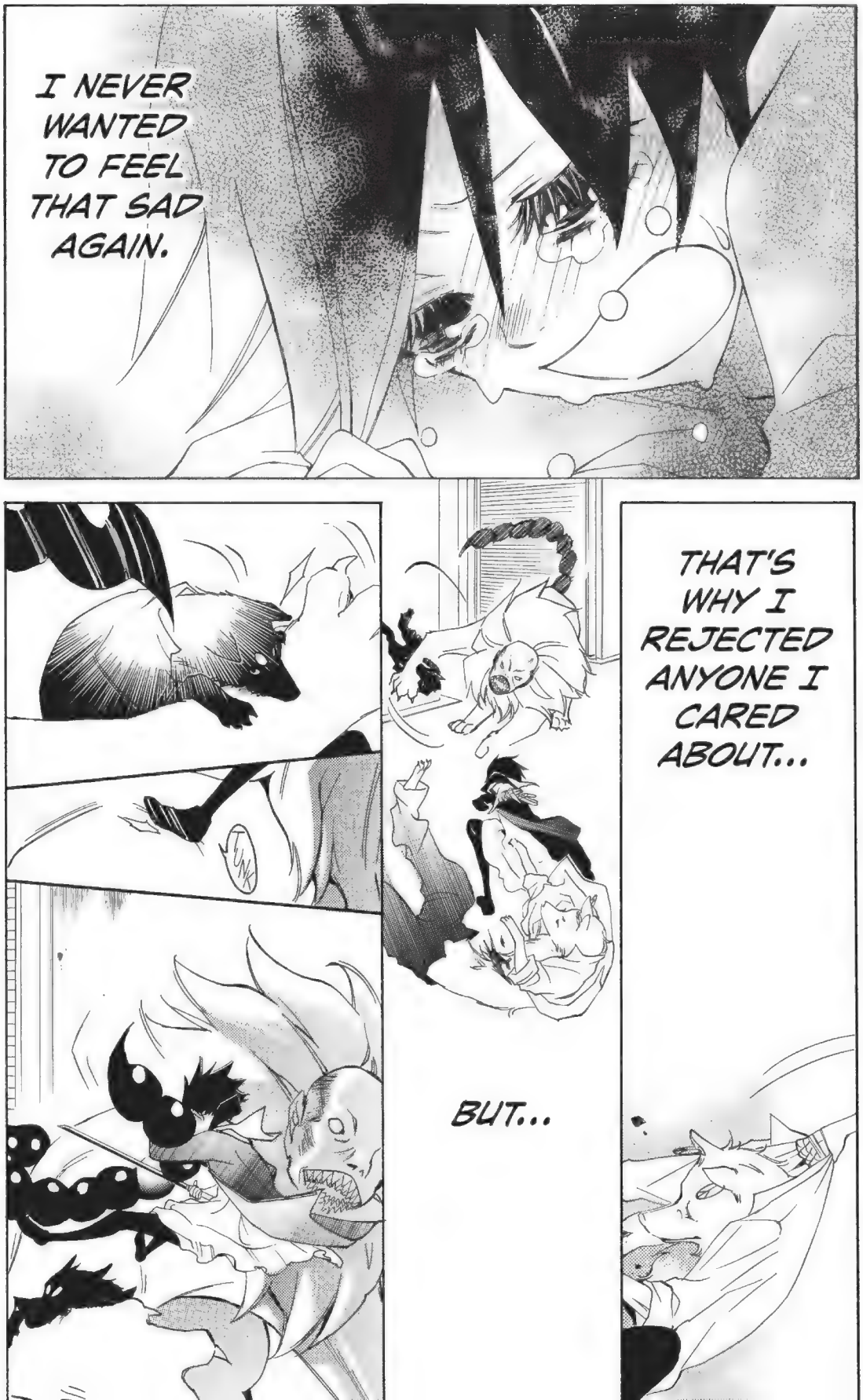
I'M...
I...
DON'T CRY.
K. CHANG
RLL
WHW
I DECIDED TO NEVER NEED ANYBODY AGAIN...
I'M YOUR MASTER, MICHI.
AND A MASTER...
...NEEDS SOMEONE TO SERVE HIM, RIGHT?

...I NEED YOU, MICHI.
THAT'S WHY...
I'M YOUR MISTRESS.
SNOW... NIGHT...
DON'T CRY.
AND A MISTRESS NEEDS SOMEONE TO SERVE HER...
...RIGHT?

THEY MIGHT NEVER ...
DO YOU NEED US, MISTRESS?
... FIND ...
...
YEAH. I DO.
...WE'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER!
THEN ...

I THOUGHT I WANTED THEM...
NOW WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER!
THEY MIGHT NEVER FIND...
...OUT OF MY SIGHT FOREVER...
...THEIR WAY BACK TO ME.

JUST LIKE ...
...I DID BACK THEN.
HE WAS THE ONLY ONE WHO NEEDED ME. AND HE DIED PROTECTING ME.
MY BROTHER... I LOVED HIM SO MUCH.
BUT NOW I FEEL...
TAKAMICHI!!
... JUST LIKE ...


I NEVER WANTED TO FEEL THAT SAD AGAIN.
THAT'S WHY I REJECTED ANYONE I CARED ABOUT...
BUT...

TAKE SNOW AND FALL BACK!
TUP
NIGHT!
BUT...
FALL BACK, I SAID!
I'M FINE HERE!
NO!
NO!
I...

I DON'T EVER WANT TO LOSE...
...SOMEONE I CARE ABOUT AGAIN.
...I'D ALREADY STARTED TO CARE ABOUT THEM?
BUT WHY DIDN'T I REALIZE...
I DON'T WANT TO LOSE YOU!

WE DON'T WANT TO...
...LOSE YOU EITHER!!

SAYING I DON'T NEED THEM...

... WAS A TOTAL LIE.

...
A FRISBEE ...
WE'RE SO GLAD...
...YOU'VE ALWAYS BEEN THERE FOR US.
ME ...?
?
I THOUGHT YOU'D NEVER...
...FIND ME.
OF COURSE WE FOUND YOU!
THIS IS WHERE...
...WE BELONG.
ALWAYS ...
...

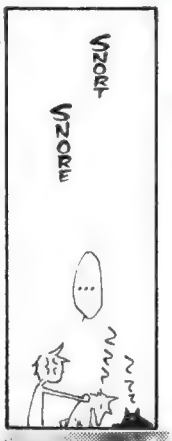
ALWAYS
...
...
TOGETHER?

BOMP
TMP...
TMP
TMP TMP TMP
JINNG

I DON'T KNOW ALL THE DETAILS, BUT...

...THEY'D BEEN WORKING A PART-TIME JOB AT NIGHT...

...AND THEY SLEPT FOR SEVERAL DAYS.



OH YEAH? YOU WANT A PIECE OF ME?!
ARE YOU STUPID?! I'M THE ONE WHO SHOULD STAY WITH TAKAMICHI!
BOMP
I SHOULD BE THE ONE TO STAY BEHIND WITH HER!

...THAT PART-TIME JOB TURNED OUT TO BE THE SOURCE OF THEIR FIGHT.

WHAT IDIOTS...

An unavoidable fight.

NOOOO!
What are you talking about?!
YOU PLAY WITH US MORE WHEN WE'RE AT SCHOOL, TAKAMICHI!
SKREECH
HMPH
PEEK
Boooring...
YOU'VE GOT LOTS OF FRIENDS AT SCHOOL.
WHAT?
SK
SKCH
SKCH
SKCH
SKCH
TCH
SKCH
SKCH
SKCH
BL
USH
ARGH
FRISBEE!
TAK
SWISH
BUT THE ONE WE GAVE HER IS OVER HERE!
ZOOP
PREPARING FOR ACTION.

...YOU GAVE ME.
"AND THIS KIND OF PRESENT ...
Huh??
Sorry.
It's not that I don't want it.
THE BIRTHDAY PRESENT...
HEY.
LET'S...
...GO FOR A WALK.
"... SAYS ...
"...I'M GLAD YOU WERE BORN.
"THAT'S WHAT A BIRTHDAY PRESENT IS."
WE'D LOVE TO!!

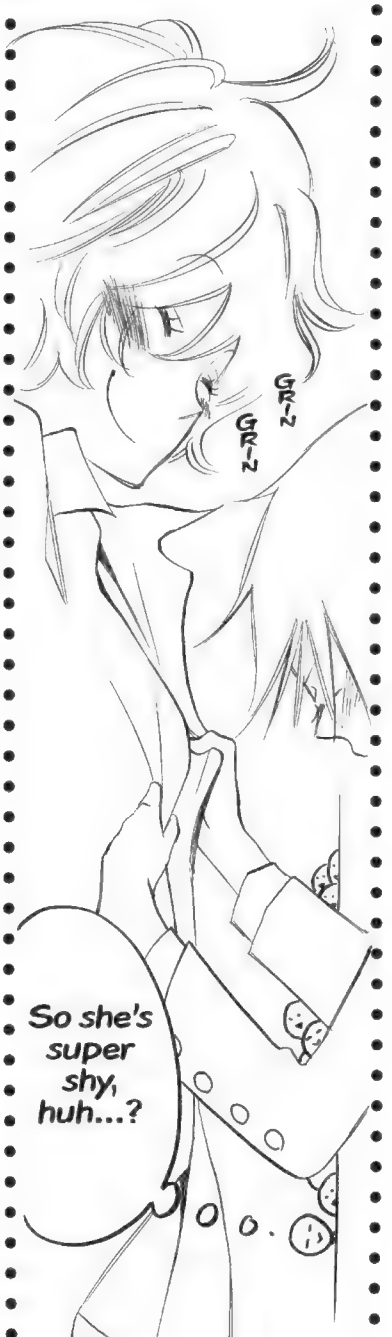
JIU JIU
—獣従—
WALK 2: EVIL FLOWER

TAKAMICHI ENCOUNTERS THE OTHER

HEH. LIKE PEAS IN A POD...
YOU MAY CALL ME MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
WHAT A BRAT.
YOU'RE AN UNDER-AGE OLD MAN!
Forget it. I'll put you in your place.
"BRAT" SUITS YOU FINE.
INCOMPATIBLE!
YOU'VE GOT A NERVE LOOKING DOWN AT ME, YOU OLD GEEZER!
WOZZ
WOZZ

Her classmates saw...

But they didn't hear what was said.



THE WORLD IS FULL OF...
...WEIRD SUPERNATURAL BEINGS NOTHING LIKE HUMANS.
HEH!
WE FOUND YOU!
HOW DARE YOU ...
... ENEMY ...
HUNTER!
MY BLOOD BROTHERS SHALL AVENGE ME!!
...FOR A SPUNKIE.
YOU SURE TALK BIG...

THESE BEINGS ARE DEMONS.
RSSTL
SOMETIMES, THESE BEINGS BARE THEIR FANGS AND DO PEOPLE HARM.
RSSTL
...DARK HUNTERS.
THE PEOPLE WHO DEVOTE THEIR LIVES TO RIDDING OUR WORLD OF THOSE DEMONS ARE CALLED...
RSSTL
RSSTL
RSSTL

DOESN'T MATTER WHERE YOU GO...
YOU CAN'T SHAKE US!
THE ELDEST DAUGHTER OF THE HACHIOJI CLAN, THE LARGEST CLAN OF DARK HUNTERS...
...TAKAMICHI HACHIOJI.
ドスッ
ドスッ
ドスッ

MY BIG BROTHER WAS HEIR TO OUR CLAN...

...BUT HE DIED. PROTECTING ME FROM A DEMON.

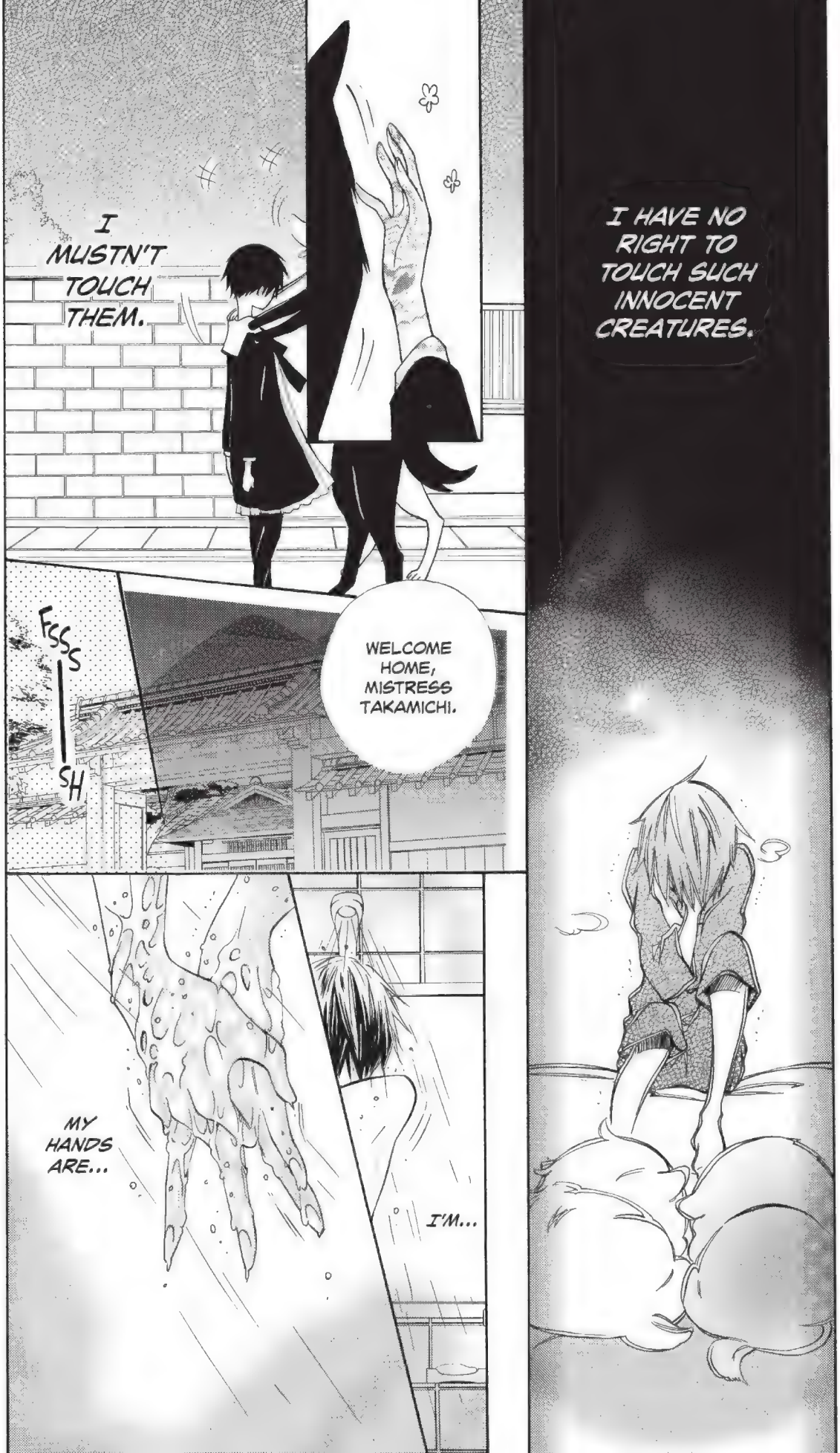
...THEY BECOME SERVANTS TO US DARK HUNTERS. WE CALL THEM...
EVERY NOW AND THEN, CREATURES LIKE THEM ARE BORN. THEY HAVE NO PLACE TO GO, SO...
NIGHT!
I SAID "WOLF," BUT THEY'RE ACTUALLY PART HUMAN, PART... DEMON.
SNOW!
YOU MUSTN'T! WE'RE YOUR...
...JIU JIU, MISTRESS!!
Why did you go without us?!
...JIU JIU.
Don't leave us!!
WE RAN AFTER YOU! YOU WENT HUNTING WITHOUT US!!
We didn't have time to put on clothes!!
...
YELP YEEEELP
I SAID, CUT IT OUT!!
WHACK SMACK

TAKAMICHI, YOU NEVER...
...TAKE US TO HUNT WITH YOU!
...
YOU AREN'T READY!
BUT, MISTRESS...
KLNG
WE'RE THREE YEARS OLD! WE CAN HELP YOU!

MAMA!
WHINN
MAMA!
WHHNN
WHINN
WHHNN
QUIT CRYING!
NIGHT...
SNOW...
YOU'RE ONLY THREE! YOU'RE STILL JUST CRYBABY PUPPIES!
We weren't crying!!
N-NOT ANYMORE WE'RE NOT!!
HOWL
HOWL
HOWL
WE EVEN GO TO SCHOOL WITH YOU NOW, TAKAMICHI!
WE PROMISE WE'LL ALWAYS BE WITH YOU!
WE'LL STAY BY YOUR SIDE FOREVER!

YEAH.
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
THAT'S AN OLD STORY...
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER!
SO YOU HAVE TO TAKE US TO HUNT WITH YOU, MISTRESS!!
THAT'S RIGHT!
YOU'LL ALWAYS WALK US!
YOU'LL ALWAYS THROW FRISBEES FOR US!
Together, together!!
YOU'RE THREE-YEAR-OLD PUPS! YOU JUST WANT ATTENTION!!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
THAT'S RIGHT!

I KNEW IT...
OH. THIS IS FUN.
THIS IS FUN.
This is starting to be fun!
WOOF
THEY HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT.
This is fun!!
WOOF
WOOF
PET
PET
SO INNOCENT.
NOTHING'S CHANGED...
...IN THE LAST THREE YEARS.
OH. THEY'RE SNORING.
SNZZZ
SNZZZ
SNZZZ
...


I HAVE NO RIGHT TO TOUCH SUCH INNOCENT CREATURES.
I MUSTN'T TOUCH THEM.
FSSS—SH
WELCOME HOME, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI.
MY HANDS ARE...
I'M...

...THEY NEVER GET CLEAN.
NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES I WASH MY HANDS...
...TAINTED.
OH!
DON'T WORRY...
MICHI...
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
MICHI?
YOU'RE NOT ALONE.
THE COLOR OF THE BLOOD SHED ON THEM.
LOOK!
THEY'RE THE SAME.
OUR HANDS ...
THE COLOR OF OUR SINS.
BUT NOW... I AM ALONE.

IF I TOUCH YOU WITH THESE HANDS...
...I'LL TAINT YOU WITH MY DARKNESS.

AND TURNS ME INTO DARK-NESS.
THE BLOOD TURNS BLACK, LIKE RUST.

THE COLOR OF MY DARK SINS.

SKREE
I'M SCARED.
YAWN
YAWN
HOWL
TAKAMICHI!
HOWL
MISTRESS!
Aiee! You mustn't go in, Snow Night!
WHAM
TAKAMICHI!! MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!!

WHEN
WE FOUND YOU AT LAST!!
YOU DISAP-PEARED RIGHT BEFORE OUR EYES.
WE THOUGHT YOU WENT TO HUNT WITHOUT US AGAIN!!
MISTRESS!
WE WANT TO BE WITH YOU WHEREVER YOU GO, MISTRESS!

Continued...

Before my debut, I forbade myself from writing stories about conspiracies, human experiments, and such.

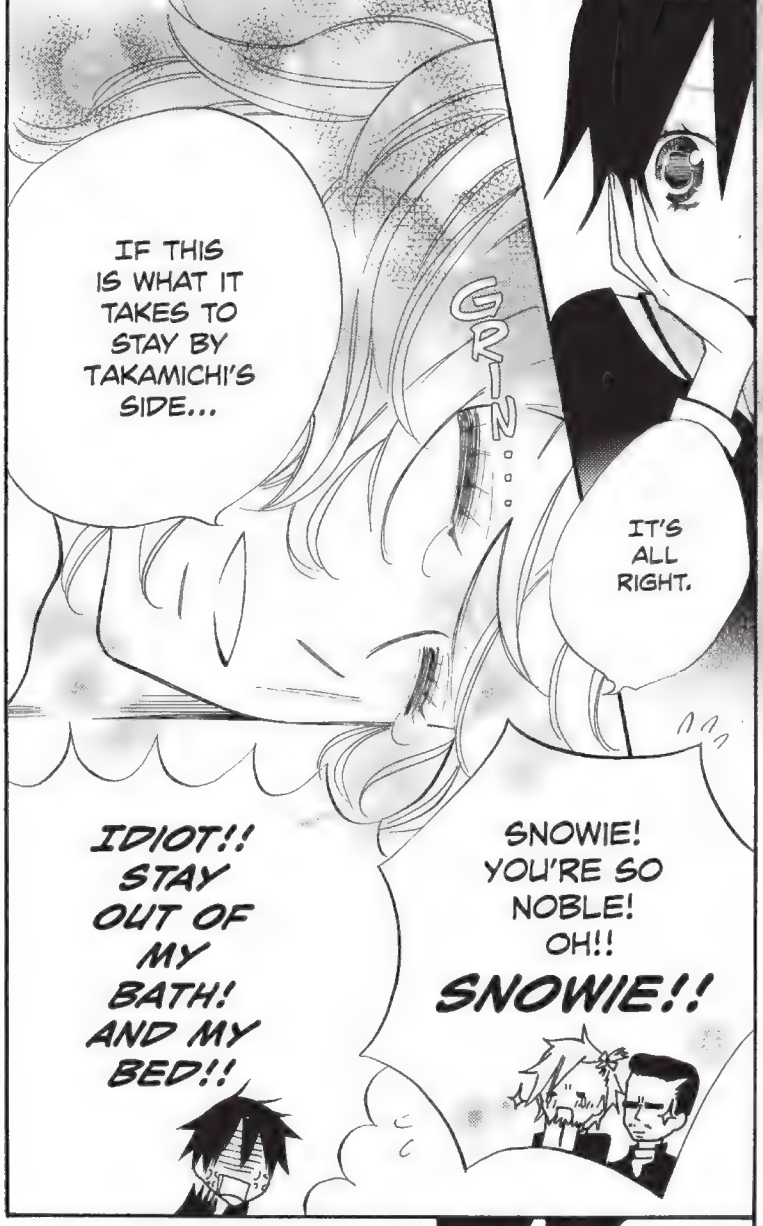
So what kind of stories was I submitting back then, huh? By the way, I also forbade myself to write fantasy stories (laugh).

Mostly, I could only write dreadfully depressing tales. I decided not to tell my editor about that and tried to come up with several new motifs for this story. I got the idea for the character that would become Night. I wanted him to have a "special ability to transform himself into various animals"... (To be cont.)

...
...ME, AND ME ALONE.

CHATTER
I-A
CHATTER

?
CLASS
MATES
WHAT ARE YOU DOING, SNOWIE? NIGHT-NIGHT?
Oh! You're right!
You've got a bump on your head.
GO AHEAD. STEP ON HIM.
NO WAY! I CAN'T TREAD ON NIGHT-NIGHT OR SNOWIE!!
Stop them, Takamichi!
TRIMBL TRIMBL
I GUESS THAT'S HOW TAKAMICHI DISCIPLINES THEM...
I'm a road. Please walk on me.
HOW CRUEL!!


IF THIS IS WHAT IT TAKES TO STAY BY TAKAMICHI'S SIDE...
GRIN...
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
IDIOT!! STAY OUT OF MY BATH! AND MY BED!!
SNOWIE! YOU'RE SO NOBLE! OH!! SNOWIE!!

WHETHER IT'S OUT OF LONELINESS OR BECAUSE THEY FEEL UNLOVED...

...THOSE TWO FOLLOW ME AROUND LIKE DOGS.

THEY EVEN TRY TO SLEEP WITH ME. → AND BY THE TIME I NOTICE, IT'S MORNING ALREADY.

Getting trampled.

*DORAEMON CHARACTER WHO'S ALWAYS BATHING.
**ACTRESS WHO PLAYS A NINJA IN *MITO KOMON*, A LONG-RUNNING SAMURAI DRAMA. OFTEN IN THE BATH.

Come on!
FWEET!
I CAN'T FILL...
...YOUR LONELINESS WITH THESE HANDS.
...
Wanna play with the frisbee ?!
I LOVE P.E.!
TIME FOR P.E.!!
I'M NOT TOO FOND OF THAT GAME.
FWAPPA
FREED FROM ROAD ROLE
LEG
FOR REAL?! HOW AWFUL!!
You should undress in the locker room...
BECAUSE WE WON'T BE WITH OUR MISTRESS.
Remember?!
HUH?! WHY NOT?!
WE GET TO RUN AROUND THE GARDEN!!
YAY
YAY
YAY
YAY
THAT'S RIGHT.
sub Hunting Request
City Riverbed
Spunkie
ANOTHER SPUNKIE.

MY BROTHER WAS KILLED.
I WAS LEFT ALONE.
AS IF TO AVENGE HIM...
AS IF CONSUMED BY HATRED...

SHRK
SHRRRAA
I KILLED AGAIN AND AGAIN.
...UNABLE TO HOLD ANYTHING.
...MY HANDS WERE COVERED IN BLOOD...
AND THEN I SAW...
RSSTL

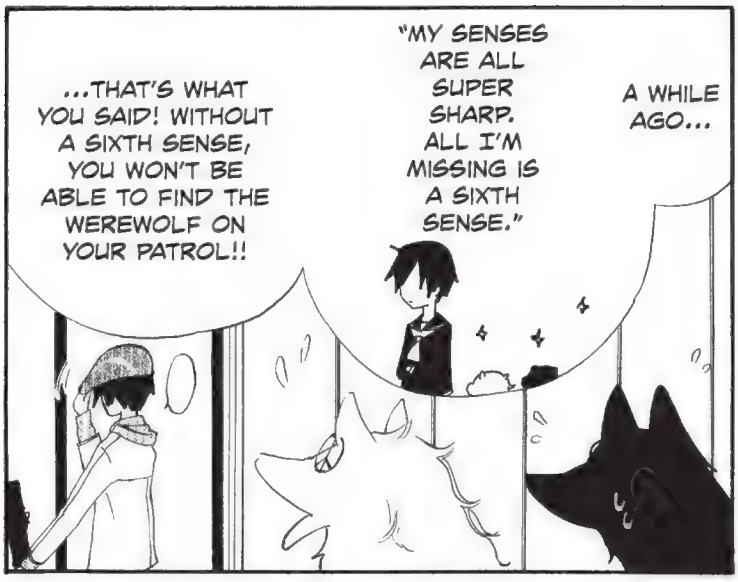
YOU MEANIE!!
You left us behind again!!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!!
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
FWOOF
HOW COULD YOU LEAVE WITHOUT US AGAIN?!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
TAKA-MICHI!!
YOU HAVE TO TAKE US WITH YOU!!

DON'T TOUCH ME!!
...!

I CAN'T GIVE YOU...
...ANY-THING.
I'M GOING HOME.
ZWP

SO WHY ...?

WHY?
WHACK
WAKE UP, DAMNIT!!
SMACK
You guys are heavy!!
OWWFF
YIPE
MIS-TRESS!
ARE YOU GOING OUT?
LAST MONTH...
A WEREWOLF. WE TOOK SOME CASUALTIES.
WE HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO CAPTURE IT YET, SO I NEED TO GO ON PATROL.
PATROL...!


A WHILE AGO...
"MY SENSES ARE ALL SUPER SHARP. ALL I'M MISSING IS A SIXTH SENSE."
...THAT'S WHAT YOU SAID! WITHOUT A SIXTH SENSE, YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO FIND THE WEREWOLF ON YOUR PATROL!!

WHAT...?
A WERE-WOLF...
...ONLY SHOWS ITSELF DURING A FULL MOON!

THAT'S WHY I'M GOING TONIGHT— WHEN THERE'S A FULL MOON.

NO.
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED OUTSIDE DURING A FULL MOON.
WE CAN TRACK IT FOR YOU!
WE'LL GO WITH YOU!

WE'RE NOT LIKE WEREWOLVES!
THE FULL MOON HAS NO EFFECT ON US!
WE'RE GOING WITH YOU!
SO?
I'LL GIVE YOU THE BOOT.
...
...WE DEFY YOU AND GO ANYWAY?!
G-GIVE US THE BOOT?!
THE FULL MOON WILL DRIVE YOU CRAZY.
WHAT IF...
NO.
Give us the boot!!!
BAMP
DID I LOSE THEM ...?
MY MY...
YOUNG LADY...

DON'T YOU KNOW...
...IT'S DANGER-OUS TO WALK ALONE AT NIGHT?
SLP
SLP
YOU COULD TELL I WAS A GIRL...? UNDER THIS DISGUISE?
YOU SURE HAVE A GOOD NOSE...
...WERE-WOLF!
HEH HEH.
WELL, YOU REEK OF BLOOD...
YOU'RE A DARK HUNTER !!
THINK YOU'RE SOME KIND OF HERO...?!
FINE BY ME
...
HUNTER OR NOT, BITCHES ARE ALWAYS WELCOME...

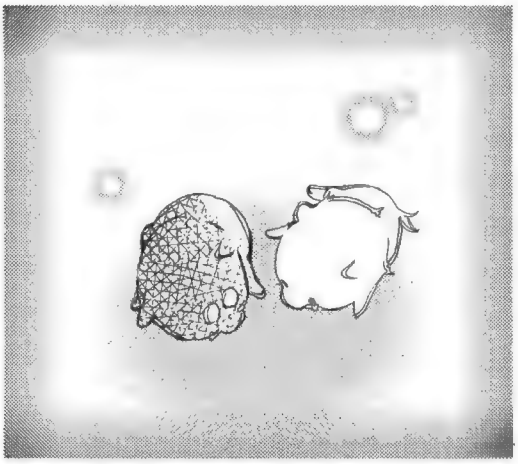
IN TERMS OF FOOD...
...KIDS AND BITCHES ARE THE BEST!!
SNOW!!
NIGHT!!
ANOTHER ONE...!
TAKA-MICHI!
MIS-TRESS TAKA-MICHI!
YA
A
R
G
OH!
GH
H
THEY FOLLOWED ME AGAIN!!

NO!!
WHUMP
NO.
NO.
NO.
NO...
SPLTCH
SPRT
DON'T ...
YAAGH
GH
... COME TO ME!

YOU TWO...
THE ONE WHO LIVES IN DARKNESS...
NO!
NO!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO END UP LIKE ME!!
...SHOULD BE ME, AND ME ALONE.
I WON'T LET YOU BE TAINTED ...
RUB
RUB

WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER...
WE'RE...
...ALREADY LIKE YOU.
... TAKA-MICHI.

GRGH...
GRGHH
STGGR
I'LL...
NO!
MISTRESS!
WE'RE NOT LAP DOGS!
WE'RE HERE TO SHARE YOUR SINS...
... WITH YOU.

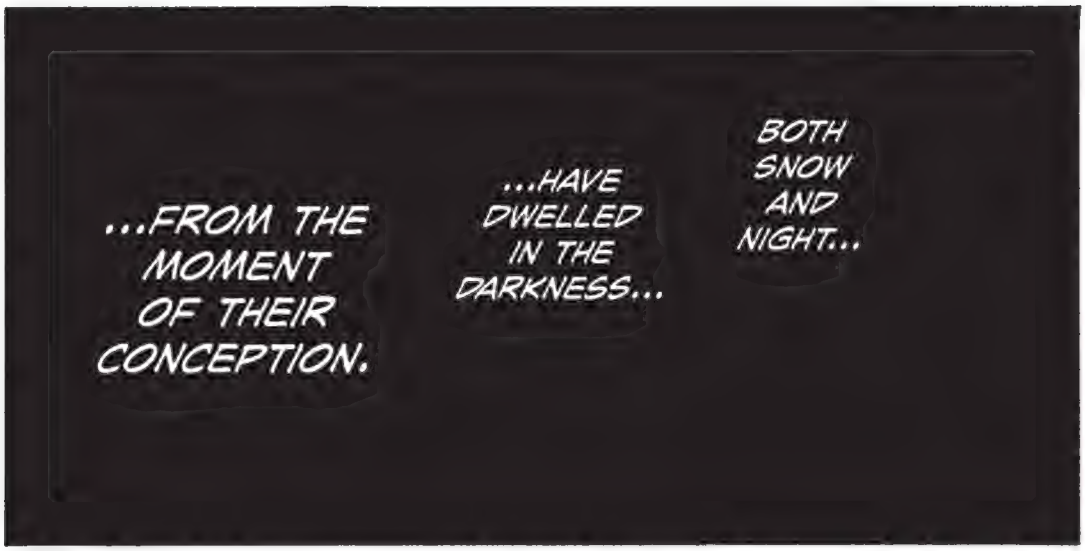


SINCE WHEN ...?

WHEN DID THAT EXPRESSION START TO PASS OVER THEIR FACES...?

THIS IS MY REALITY. RIGHT IN FRONT OF ME.
!
HEY...!
YOU CAN STOP THEM, CAN'T YOU...?!
PANT
PANT
YOU'VE GOT TO HELP ME!!
IT'S ONLY BECAUSE OF THE FULL MOON!
THIS ISN'T ME! ARGH! I HATE IT! I HATE THE FULL MOON!!
THE FULL MOON MAKES ME ATTACK PEOPLE!
EH?!
YOU'RE A HERO, AREN'T YOU?!
THEN I...
HELP ME!! PLEASE!

...
SHOULDN'T TURN MY EYES AWAY.
DO IT.
KLNK
THE HACHIOJI CLAN... WE'RE A BUNCH OF KILLERS.


...FROM THE MOMENT OF THEIR CONCEPTION.
...HAVE DWELLED IN THE DARKNESS...
BOTH SNOW AND NIGHT...

SHUDDER ooo!!
G-g-give us the boot!!
BY THE WAY, YOU TWO...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU I'D GIVE YOU THE BOOT IF YOU FOLLOWED ME?

I GUESS YOU WERE WILLING TO ACCEPT THAT, HUH?
OF C-C-COURSE NOT!!

WALK!
WALK!

YOU'RE ALWAYS IN SO MUCH PAIN...
...AFTER YOU HUNT, TAKAMICHI.
FLNG
FWUMP
WE'D RATHER HAVE YOU MAD AT US FOR FOLLOWING YOU...
WHIMPER
...THAN LEAVE YOU ALONE.
ARE YOU GOING TO... GIVE US THE BOOT NOW?
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
We'll protect her!!
WE'VE MADE UP OUR MINDS.
WE'LL PROTECT YOU NO MATTER WHAT, MISTRESS.
WHIMPER

THEY'VE ALWAYS TRACKED ME DOWN...
...SLEPT WITH ME...
EVERY TIME I WENT TO HUNT...
...
OH! SO IT WASN'T BECAUSE ...
...THEY WERE LONELY, AFTER ALL!!
Y-YOU...
I'LL ONLY GIVE YOU THE BOOT IF YOU GIVE ME THE BOOT!!
... IDIOTS!
I NEVER REALIZED...
ALL THIS TIME... THEY WERE JUST PROTECTING ME...
HUH?!
I DON'T GET IT.
WHICH IS IT?!

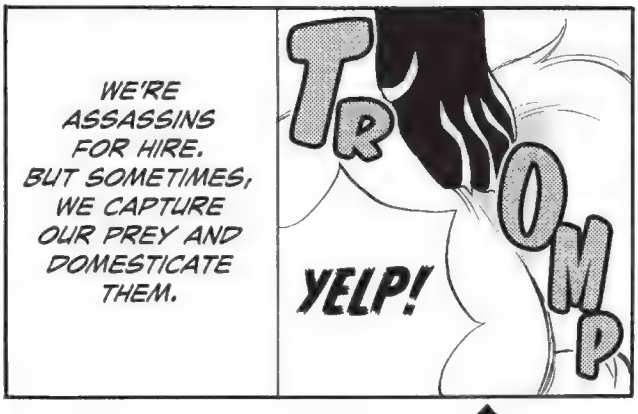
YOU TWO SHOULD TAKE A BATH TOO.
Hurry up.
?
YOU'RE ALL WET AGAIN! IS IT RAINING?!
IS IT RAINING?!
AH...
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!!
YOU'RE FILTHY.
?
GRR MISTRESS TAKAMICHI.
GRR
WE ALREADY CLEANED OURSELVES!
See?
WE LIKE TO STAY CLEAN, YOU KNOW!
Impressed?
LYK
I'VE NEVER GIVEN THEM A BATH!!
SHF
SPLSH
YIP
WHAP
HUH?!
WHAT ARE YOU ...?
WHAT?!
COME WITH ME!!
And transform out of your human form!

WALK 3: NIGHT'S DIARY

SNFF
SNFF
I CAN'T BELIEVE THIS.
AND JUST NOW WAS THE FIRST TIME I EVER SHAMPOOED THEIR FUR.
MESSY
...
FWUFF
SNFF
SNFF
WUFF
SNFF
FWUFF
I'VE BEEN SHARING A BEDROOM WITH THESE TWO WOLVES FOR THREE YEARS.

WHAT ARE THEY DOING?!
SNFF
SNFF
THE ...
...HACHIOJI CLAN'S BUSINESS IS HUNTING DEMONS.

I'VE ONLY STEPPED ON IT TWICE!
THESE TWO ARE NO EXCEPTION. THEY ARE DEMONS.
DAMN YOU, NIGHT !!
IT'S NOT MY FAULT! I COULDN'T SEE IT, OKAY?!
HOW MANY TIMES ARE YOU GONNA STEP ON MY TAIL?!
...


WE'RE ASSASSINS FOR HIRE. BUT SOMETIMES, WE CAPTURE OUR PREY AND DOMESTICATE THEM.
TROMP
YELP!
Tail

WHAT DO WE WANNA DO?!
SO WHAT DO YOU GUYS WANNA DO TODAY, HUH?!
GRR
ARGH!
HOW DO YOU EXPECT ME TO WEAR MY GLASSES IN THIS FORM!!
YAP
PUT YOUR GLASSES ON!! YOUR GLASSES!!
YAP
CUT IT OUT!!

W-WHAT DO I WANT TO DO...? WHAT DO I WANT TO DO?!
OH OH!
CAN IT BE ANY-THING?!
AND THIS IS NIGHT.
THEY'RE BROTHERS.
GO FOR A WALK, PLAY WITH A FRISBEE, AND GO FOR A WALK!!
THIS IS SNOW.
THERE'S LOTSA THINGS I WANNA DO!
Don't transform so fast!
Stop! You're stark naked...
WHOA!

PATHETIC!
OH FOR...
THEY'RE SO EXCITED THEY'VE FORGOTTEN HOW TO TALK!!
AWOO
AWOO
AWOO WOO
WOOF WOO-WOOF
Um, well...
W-WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
I MEAN... "YES!"
WOOF
I HAD NO IDEA THERE WERE SO MANY THINGS THEY WANT TO DO THAT...
...THEY CAN'T EVEN PUT THEM INTO WORDS!
AWOOWOO——...
WOO WOO
WOOF WOOF...
H...
HEY...
UH...
UM...
NEVER MIND.

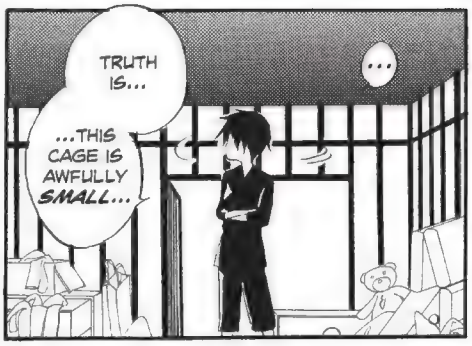
I DIDN'T KNOW WHAT...
...TO SAY TO THEM.
...
YOU WERE JUST TEASING US...
...
SIGH
HMPH...
STGGR
STGGR
ANOTHER BATH? AGAIN?
SIGH... C'MON, NIGHT. LET'S GO SHAMPOO OURSELVES.
SHFL
SHFL
...
ALL I KNOW ABOUT THOSE TWO IS...
...THEIR NAMES...
...THEIR AGE...
...THAT THEY LIKE TO GO FOR WALKS AND PLAY WITH FRISBEES...
...

UNTIL RECENTLY ...
...I WAS AFRAID OF LOSING ANYONE I CARED ABOUT... THE WAY I LOST MY BROTHER...
Um... I HARDLY KNOW THEM AT ALL.
SO I TURNED AWAY FROM THEM.
...
BUT ...
I'VE DECIDED NOT TO TURN AWAY ANYMORE.
That's right.
I'M A NEW PERSON NOW!
I DON'T KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT THEM... BUT I CAN LEARN!
THEIR PLACE IS A PIG STY.
I THOUGHT THEY LIKED THINGS NEAT AND TIDY.

Continued...

The Hachioji character I liked to draw best in the past was always in the company of a wolf who could transform into human form. That's how I got the idea of doing a story about a girl and her two wolves. Ten months later, I got a chance to place a one-shot in the magazine. And thanks to all of you, that story has grown into a graphic novel! I still don't draw very well, but I really enjoy drawing artwork with a lot of movement (despite not being very good at it), so this manga has an important place in my heart. I haven't been able to draw many active images of Snow and Night in human form yet, so I'd like to have them transform more. Of course, I really like drawing them in their pooch form too.

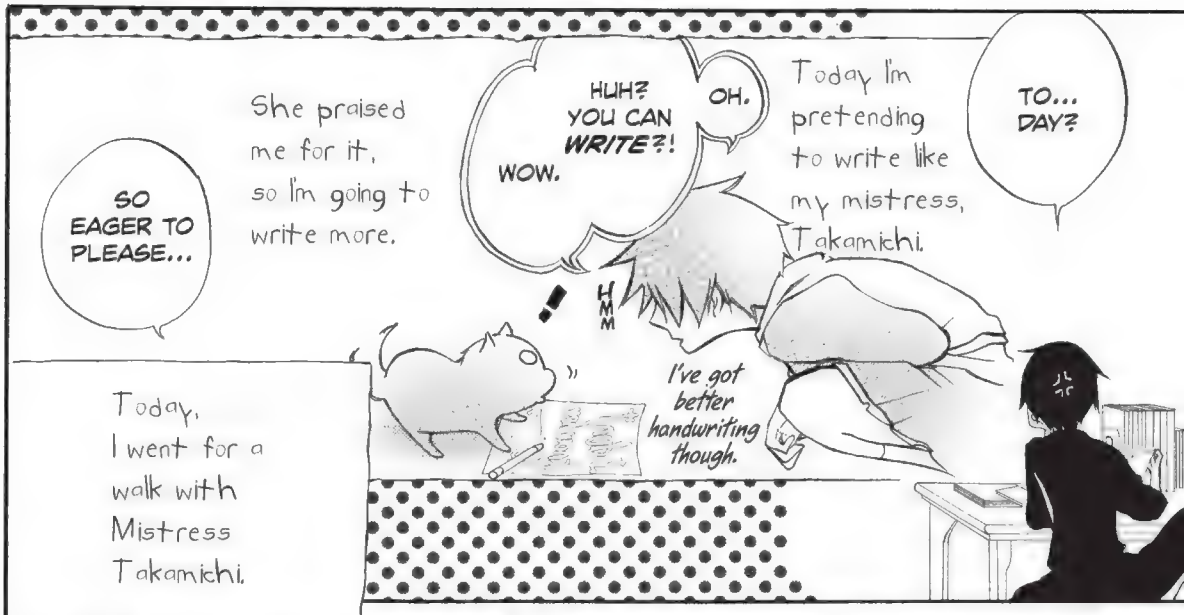
See you!



FWP

IRK
IRK

FWAPP
I CAN'T READ THIS!

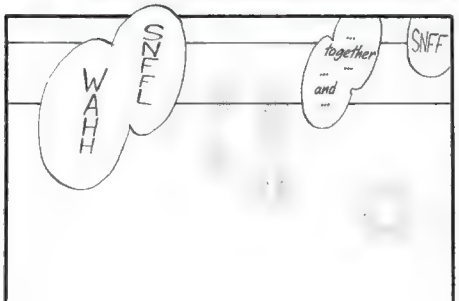

She praised me for it, so I'm going to write more.
SO EAGER TO PLEASE...
HUH? YOU CAN WRITE?!
OH.
WOW.
Today I'm pretending to write like my mistress, Takamichi.
TO... DAY?
HMM
I've got better handwriting though.
Today, I went for a walk with Mistress Takamichi.

WOOF!
WOOF
WOOF
WOOF
THIS IS FUN!!
THIS IS FUN.
OH. I GUESS I MUST HAVE TAKEN THEM FOR A WALK...
DON'T TALK OUTSIDE. BARK AND SAY "WOOF."
But she told us not to speak, so we barked instead.
Snow kept saying "This is fun" because he was so happy.

Today Snow transformed into a human.
OH.
I REMEMBER THAT DAY...
I want to go on more walks with Mistress Takamichi.
I want to go for a walk three times a day.
...
REALLY ...?
FWIP
THAT WAS THE ONE TIME I COULDN'T TURN AWAY FROM THEM...
Because I was so freaked out!
I'm going to study hard and grow up fast!!
I'm going to
Yay...
Mistress Takamichi gave Snow a lot of hand-me-down clothes.
Oh!.
DAMN, YOU LOOK CUTE IN ALL OF THEM!
TAKE THIS. AND THIS...
I can't wait to transform into a human so Mistress Takamichi will give me lots of things too.
Today, when Mistress Takamichi came back from her hunt...
FWIP
Snow and I pledged to protect Mistress Takamichi so she wouldn't cry anymore.
I WAS NOT CRYING! Idiot!!
...she was crying.
We'll protect her!

I DON'T KNOW.
YIP
YIP

IT'S BECAUSE YOU'RE STILL A DOG!
SNF
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, NIGHT!!
DUMMY!


SNFF
... together ... and ...
SNFF
WAHH

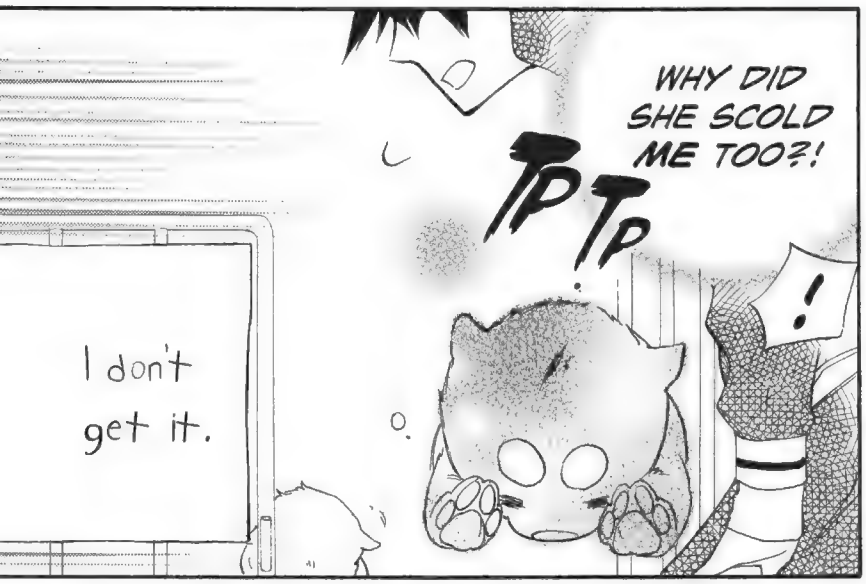
...a lot of the time Mistress Takamichi doesn't even seem to see us.
PANG...
But...
HOW PRESUMPTUOUS.

WHY WON'T OUR MISTRESS PLAY WITH US?
NIGHT...

I don't know if it's because it's dark or because of the tears, but I'm starting to have trouble reading.
SOB
...THE...PRINCE.
...AFTER...WITH...
...EVER...
SOB
...LIVED...HAPPILY...
SNIF
And studying from morning till night.
I'm reading lots and lots of books.
...TH...THE...
...END.
...
FWIP!
Today...
So I decided to start working out.
BOING
BOING
BOING
?
TA-TAP
TO GROW UP FASTER YOU HAVE TO EXERCISE!
...I learned that studying isn't enough.
YELP

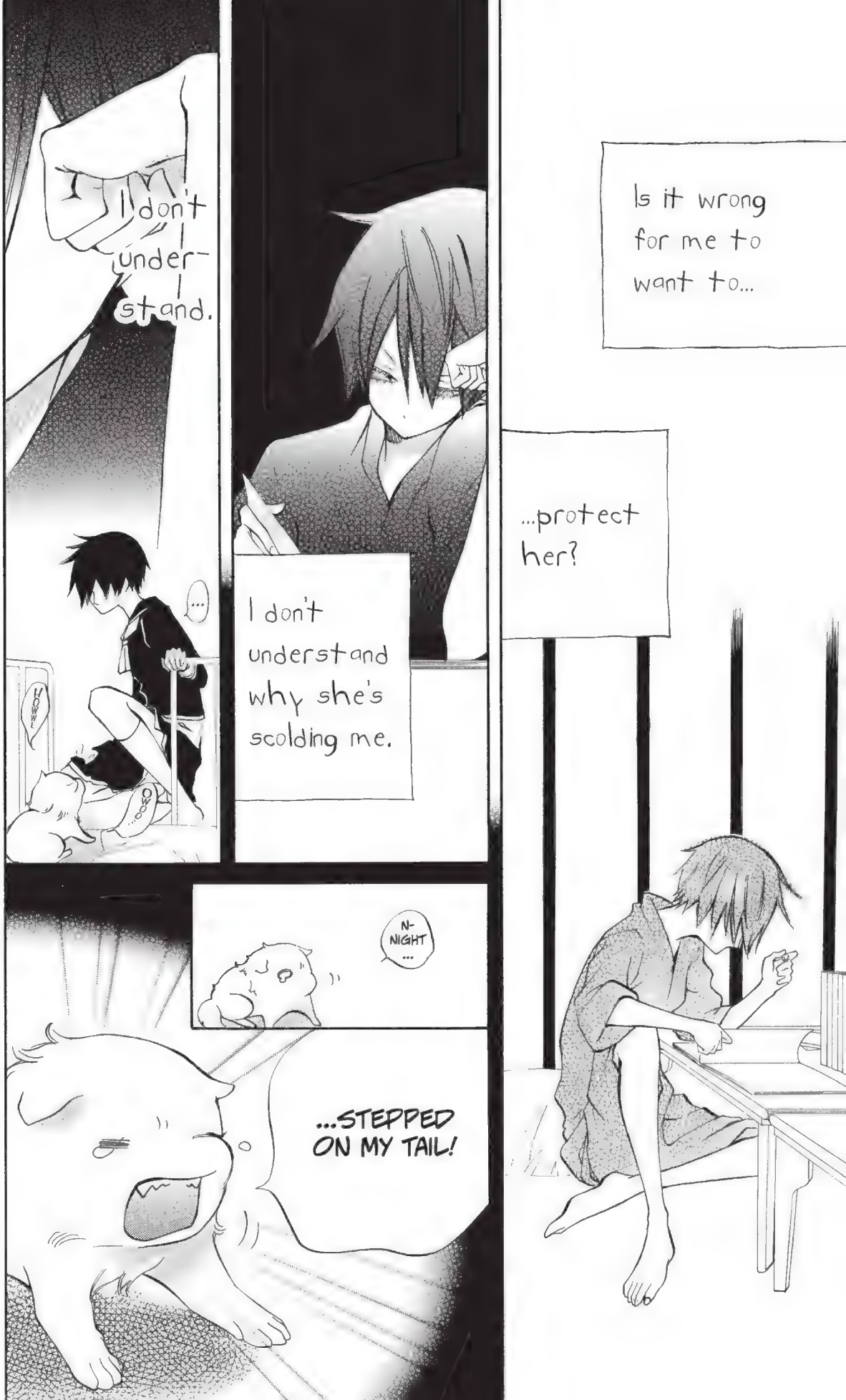
TROMP
TUP
SPROING
ZZZ
GZZ
HOW DARE YOU STEP ON MY DELICATE TAIL!
KRSH
KLTTR
AGGGH!!!
CUT IT OUT!!
CHOMP
YELP
YIP
YIP

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING, SNOW?!
TRMBL
NIGHT!!
SHVR


WHY DID SHE SCOLD ME TOO?!
TP TP
!
I don't get it.

G-CHK
WHY...

...grow up?
...wrong for me to want to...
NIGHT!
Is it...


I don't understand.
...
HOW?
I don't understand why she's scolding me.
Is it wrong for me to want to...
...protect her?
N-NIGHT...
...STEPPED ON MY TAIL!

N...
STAY! AND THINK ABOUT WHAT YOU DID!
NO.
NO, NO!
YIP
I'M SORRY.
I'M SORRY, MISTRESS.
YIP
SOMEONE WHO WOULD HURT HIS OWN BROTHER...
...IS NO MINION OF MINE!
YIP
SLAMM...
YIP
DID SNOW FEEL THE SAME WAY AS NIGHT...?
...
I WONDER...
I couldn't think. I just ran and ran...

NEITHER OF THEM WANT ME!
SNOW AND...
...MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...
I...
...TRACKED THE SCENT OF BLOOD AND HUMAN HERE...
I kept running...
ZLOOP
WHERE...
...AM I?
HUH?
SNIF
AHH...
RSTL RSTL
...and suddenly I was somewhere I'd never been before.
I'd crossed paths with a ghoul.
!
BUT YOU'RE JUST A DOG.

OH WELL.
HAVEN'T HAD ANY FRESH MEAT FOR A WHILE...
NIIGHT!
SNUFF
SNUFF
NIGHT'S ... SCENT!
SOB
WHERE ARE YOU?!
NIGHT!
YELP
HOWWWL...
!?PAT PAT
SHV
YAP
YAP

L-
LET...
...GO
OF HIM!!
...
BROTHER!!
NIGHT
IS...
...
MY
...
!
LET GO
OF MY
BROTHER!!
RSSTL
RSSTL
RSSTL
RSSTL
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RSSTL
RSSTL
RSSTL
WHAT A
DELICIOUS
LOOKING...
...
CHILD
...

WHUD...
KREK
KRAK

I'M SORR...
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO STAY AT THE HOUSE?!
...STUPID MUTTS!
TRMBL
YOU...
SNOW!
BOTH OF YOU!
THANK GOD...
...YOU'RE ALL RIGHT!

...RUN OFF LIKE THAT AGAIN...
SNOW!
NIGHT!
DON'T YOU EVER...
Mistress Takamichi wasn't really scolding us.
TA-TUMP
I WON'T.

...worried.
About me.
About us.
I WON'T.
She was just...
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
...
WEAR THIS FOR NOW.
WOW!
AHWOO!
SO YOU CAN TRANSFORM INTO HUMAN FORM TOO...
Soon after...
But one day we'll be the ones to protect her.
And she'll praise us for it.
She's still protecting me.
I'M SORRY!
...I transformed for the first time.
NIGHT...
DOES IT HURT...?
But I do wish she'd be a little nicer to us...
...

I CAN'T TELL.
HUH?! WE STILL HAVE HAIR ON OUR HEADS!
I CAN'T SEE.
HOW COME YOU CAN'T SEE?!
Mistress Takamichi didn't tell us, but...
...I figured out that place I stumbled into was...
LET'S GET OUT OF...
...HERE. QUICK.
...a graveyard, an execution ground for demons.

I made up with Snow too.
I'M REALLY SORRY...
...I STEPPED ON YOUR TAIL, SNOW.
WE'RE THE SAME NOW.

After we got home, Mistress Takamichi loaned me a pair of glasses.
OOOH.
OH!
HOW COME IT TOOK YOU LONGER TO FIND NIGHT THAN ME, MISTRESS?
HEY!
BECAUSE I DON'T HAVE A SIXTH SENSE.
Not a problem though.
MY SENSES ARE ALL SUPER SHARP. ALL I'M MISSING IS A SIXTH SENSE.
Wow.
Wow.
...
I told you to stop!
AGH!
Dizz
Dizz
Mistress Takamichi says she'll take me to get my own pair soon. I can't wait.
Quit that.
No fair.
Oh!
Now I can see really well.
I'm going to study hard and grow up fast...
Now I can study even more.
...

HOLD ON A MINUTE.
PHEW.
THAT WAS FUN.
And when that day comes Mistress Takamichi...
...will praise me over and over again.
...
HUH?

How come?
PALE

SO BEFORE THAT, NIGHT WAS...

?!
LOOK! TAKAMICHI IS INSIDE OUR CAGE!!
HA HA HA !!
NIGHT TRANSFORMED INTO HIS HUMAN FORM FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT DAY...

...WRITING HIS DIARY ENTRIES...
...
...LIKE THIS...?!
M-M...
BL
SHU
...MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...
HOW COULD YOU...?!

HOWL
IT'S ESPECIALLY EMBARRASSING BECAUSE I TOLD HER...
...WE WEREN'T LAPDOGS!!
?
KLATTA
NIGHT!
TRIP
...
...DO I SAY TO HIM NOW ...?
WHAT...
WHAT ...?
I want her to praise me.

G...
...G-
GOOD...
...
DOG!

WORDS I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO SAY TO THEM. THINGS I HAVEN'T BEEN ABLE TO DO WITH THEM.

EVERY LITTLE DETAIL I'VE BEEN MISSING. UNTIL NOW.
BLUSH

BLUSH

SHOCKED
ONE ...
...M-MORE TIME!!
PANT
PANT

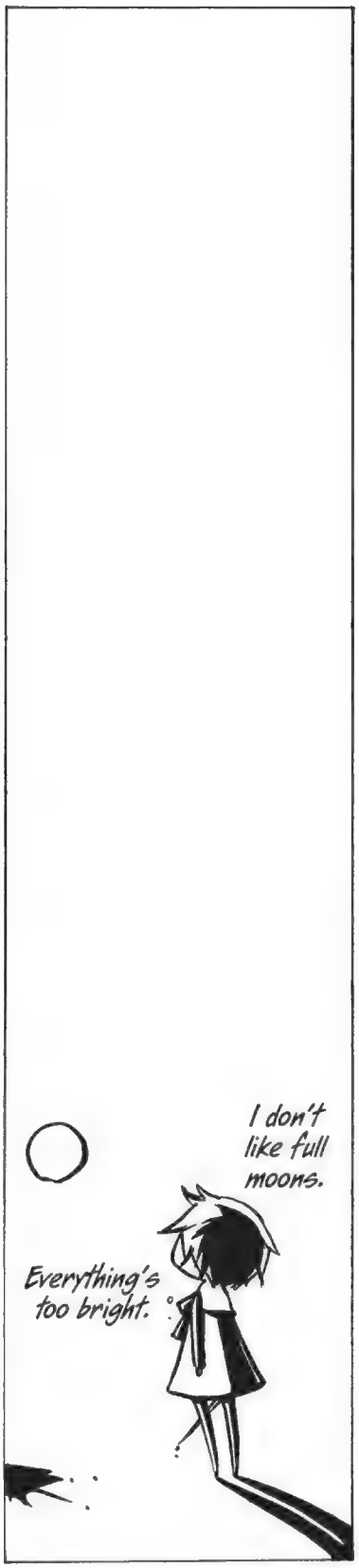
CHASE ME AND CATCH ME TOO!! COME ON!
TAKAMICHI!! ME TOO, ME TOO!!
AGGH!
Shut up!
NO FAIR. NO FAIR!!

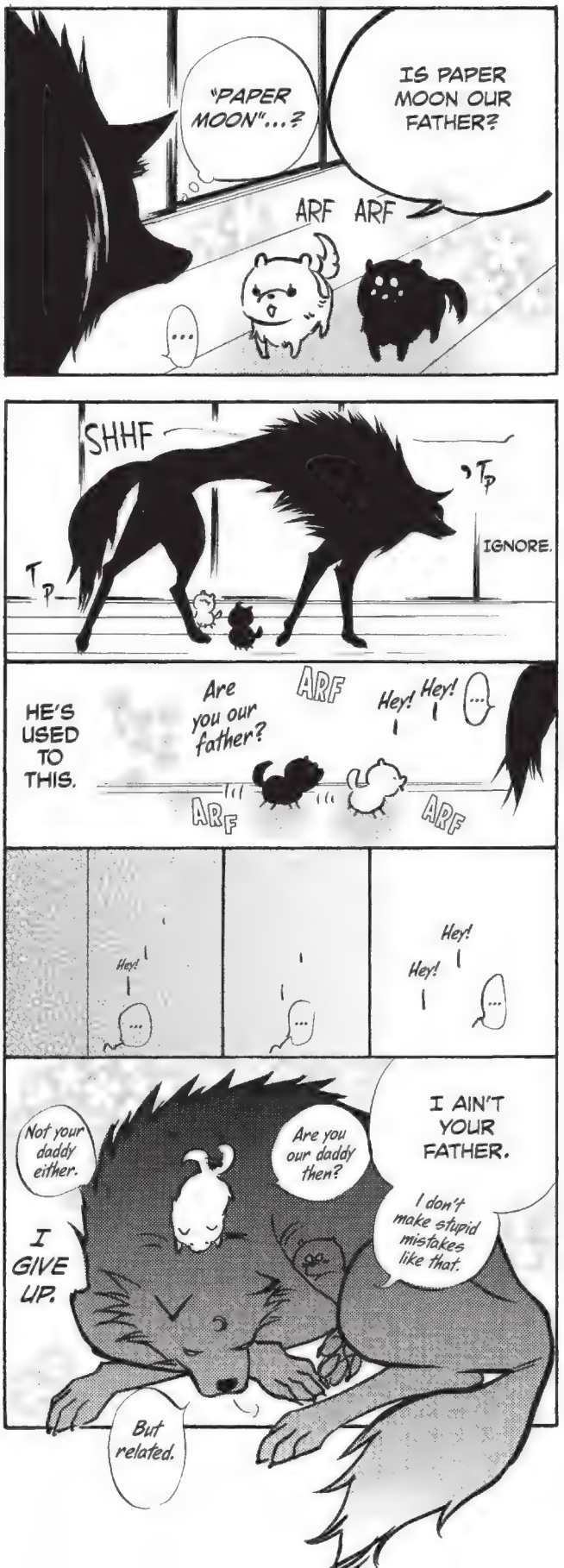
BY THE WAY...
HUH?
STUDY, STUDY ...
"HOW CAN YOU GROW UP"...?
YOU TOLD ME IT WOULD, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI.
...
...WHAT MADE YOU THINK STUDYING WOULD MAKE YOU GROW UP?
Studying for exams.
...

I WANT TO FILL THE EMPTINESS ...
WHAT ...?
BBBMP
BBBMP
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI... WHAT DID YOU JUST SAY?!
BBBMP
...
FORGET IT!
BBBMP
S-S-S-SAY IT AGAIN!
BBBMP
THE EMPTINESS OF THE PAST, OF THE TIME WE HARDLY SPENT TOGETHER.
SLOWLY...
I said, forget it!

WALK 4: FULL MOON
JUJU
—獣従—

SUSPICION


I don't like full moons.
Everything's too bright.


"PAPER MOON"...?
IS PAPER MOON OUR FATHER?
ARF ARF
...
SHHF
IGNORE.
HE'S USED TO THIS.
Are you our father?
ARF
Hey! Hey!
...
Hey!
Hey!
Hey!
...
I AIN'T YOUR FATHER.
I don't make stupid mistakes like that.
Are you our daddy then?
Not your daddy either.
I GIVE UP.
But related.

...MAN AND BEAST.
IT AFFECTS BOTH...
THE FULL MOON HEIGHTENS EVERY EMOTION.
IT'S HERE.
I'M...
TAKAMICHI HACHIOJI... ...DEMON HUNTER.
HALF-BLOODS. THE BLOOD OF BOTH DEMONS AND HUMANS RUN IN THEIR VEINS.
NIGHT.
...AND TAKES AWAY YOUR SANITY.
ALL RIGHT.
AND ...
... SNOW.

THESE ARE MY JIU JIU.
LET'S DO IT, SNOW.
IRK
... ORDERING ME AROUND.
QUIT...
SNOW!
YOU ATTACK FROM THE LEFT FLANK.
GRR
GRR GRR

HMPH.
SHFFL SHFFL
STAB
ARGH
SHUT UP, JERK!!
HEY, HEY, HEY! COOL IT, PUPS!
KRNCH
KRKA...
FINE, BUT...
YOU DIDN'T HAVE TO KICK ME!!
...
I WANT TO FOLLOW A PREDETERMINED PLAN OF ATTACK! BECAUSE I CAN'T SEE A THING!
SO WHAT?! THAT'S YOUR PROBLEM!!
DON'T TELL ME WHAT TO DO!!

THE MOON IS ABOUT TO RISE.

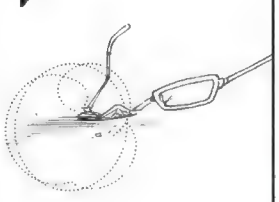
M-

MISTRESS TAKAMICHI! YOU IDIOT!

Idiot...

Idiot... ...idi... ...ot...

WHO YOU CALLING AN IDIOT?!



THIS...
YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE LEFT THEM THERE IN THE FIRST PLACE!
I DROPPED THEM! ACCIDENTALLY!
HEY!
QUIT CRYING ALREADY, YOU BIG CRYBABY!
...
PAIR...
SOB SOB
...OF GLASSES MEANT A LOT TO ME...
...BECAUSE YOU PICKED THEM OUT AND BOUGHT THEM FOR ME, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...
WHY'S HE SO UPSET?!
UM...
I...
I'M SORRY, OKAY?!
I'LL GET YOU A NEW PAIR...
...ALL RIGHT?!
WHIMPER
WHIMPER
Huh?
What?
SO DON'T CRY ANYMORE, OKAY...
...NIGHT?
YOU WILL?!
...

RIP

I WANT SOME TOO!!
NO FAIR. HOW COME NIGHT GETS EVERYTHING?!
HUH?
WANT... WHAT?
Let go of me!

THEY'RE BOTH A PAIN...
HMPH.
SHE'S GONNA BUY YOU A NEW PAIR, ISN'T SHE?
BUT SOMEHOW ALL THEIR FUSSING AND FIGHTING...
BUT I LIKED THIS PAIR!
NIGHT'S BEING MEAN TO ME!
...MAKES ME REALIZE THAT...
I GUESS...
STOP HANGING ON MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!!
ooo
THEN I WON'T GIVE IT TO YOU.
!!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT...
BUT I WANT IT!!
SNOW!
HOW DARE YOU THROW AWAY MY BROKEN GLASSES!
WHAT A PAIN!
...I SHOULD GIVE...
...BOTH NIGHT AND SNOW...
...MORE THINGS.
SINCE THEY WANT THEM SO BADLY...
GLASSES FAIR

BUT I WANT TO WEAR GLASSES!
BOYS LOOK CUTE WITH GLASSES!
I don't get it.
THEY... WHAT?!
IF YOU WORE CONTACT LENSES, YOU'D BE ABLE TO SEE WHEN YOU'RE A DOG TOO!
HMPH...

THIS PAIR LOOKS GOOD.
...
YES.
THE PINK ONES ARE NICE.

TH
OK
OUT OF MY WAY!!
OW-
WOO!

LOOK AT ME...
...TAKAMICHI!
TAKAMICHI!

...SNOW.
...HOW LONG YOUR EYELASHES ARE...
I NEVER NOTICED...
HEY.
LIKE YOURS, TAKAMICHI.
GRIN
Ha ha.
THE MOON WILL BE FULL TOMORROW...
TOMOR-ROW...
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
THEY'LL BE FINISHED TOMORROW, BY EARLY EVENING.
...
WHAT A WEIRDO...
?

...
Aha ha ha ha. You dope!!
GNNG
WHAT-EVER!
...
QUIT PUSHING BETWEEN MISTRESS TAKAMICHI AND ME!
HMPH
CUT THAT OUT...
... SNOW!
BE CAREFUL...
...NIGHT. YOU...
...CAN'T SEE CLEARLY NOW.
HOW STRANGE ...

I FEEL SO... GOOD...
LIKE I'M... NOT MYSELF.
YOU CAN HOLD ON TO ME WHILE WE WALK...
GRAB
...UNTIL WE PICK UP YOUR GLASSES.
!!
IS IT BECAUSE ...
...IT'S ALMOST THE FULL MOON?
YES, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!!
YES!

WHAT ARE YOU DOING...
...
SNOW?
I'VE FIGURED OUT...
...WHAT I WANT.
I WANT YOU.
UH-HUH. RIGHT.
I WANT YOU, TAKAMICHI.
WHAT, YOU'RE GONNA EAT ME?

YOU WANT MY BLOOD?
OR MY INTERNAL ORGANS?
NOT THAT I'D MIND...
I WANT ALL OF YOU.
...BEING EATEN BY YOU TWO. NOT REALLY.
MUST BE THE FULL MOON MAKING ME FEEL LIKE THIS...

WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!
SNOW!
I BLAMED IT ON THE FULL MOON...
I'LL TAKE FULL RESPONSIBILITY FOR SNOW. I'LL KEEP WATCH OVER HIM.
YOU GET SOME REST, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI.

NO.
I WANNA GO TOO!!
I put clothes on and everything!!
WE'RE ONLY GOING OUT TO PICK UP NIGHT'S GLASSES.
THERE'S GOING TO BE A FULL MOON TONIGHT. I CAN'T TAKE YOU OUTSIDE IN THIS STATE!
ZHLP
C H A K...
I THOUGHT WE WERE SUPPOSED TO PICK UP MY GLASSES IN THE EARLY EVENING...
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...
...BUT WHAT DID I EXPECT?
NO.

I WANT TO KEEP MY DISTANCE.
HE'S ACTING REALLY STRANGE.
YES. HE IS ACTING STRANGE.

I JUST FEEL GOOD!
LIKE NOTHING CAN GET TO ME...
VRRM
VRRM
COME TO THINK OF IT.. HE'S BEEN LIKE THIS SINCE YESTERDAY.
ARE YOU UP FOR IT, NIGHT?
A HUNT...
OF COURSE!
BUT MOSTLY...
BUT THAT'S...
AT THE SAME TIME, I FEEL KIND OF STRANGE...

HOW COME NIGHT GETS TO GO?
SOB
WAH
WHY?
WHY DID SHE LEAVE ME BEHIND?
...PROB-ABLY BECAUSE OF...
...THE FULL MOON.
SHE DOESN'T WANT ME.
IT'S BECAUSE OF NIGHT!

IT'S GETTING DARK...
THE FULL MOON AFFECTS EVERYBODY.
WHAT A PAIN.
THANK YOU VERY MUCH.
YOU HAVEN'T LOST YOUR MIND, HAVE YOU, NIGHT?
...
UNLIKE YOU-KNOW-WHO...
...I HAVE WILLPOWER.
BUT YOU ARE KIND OF TOUCHY ...

SNOW ...?
NIGHT ...
THAT'S RIGHT ...
... THE FULL MOON HEIGHT-ENS...
...THE SLIGHTEST FEAR OR DISSATISFACTION.
BYE BYE.

FEAR AND
DISSATISFACTION...
SUCH VAGUE
FEELINGS...

WHAT A PAIN.
ONLY THE ONE WHO'S FEELING THEM REALLY GETS IT...
CRNCH

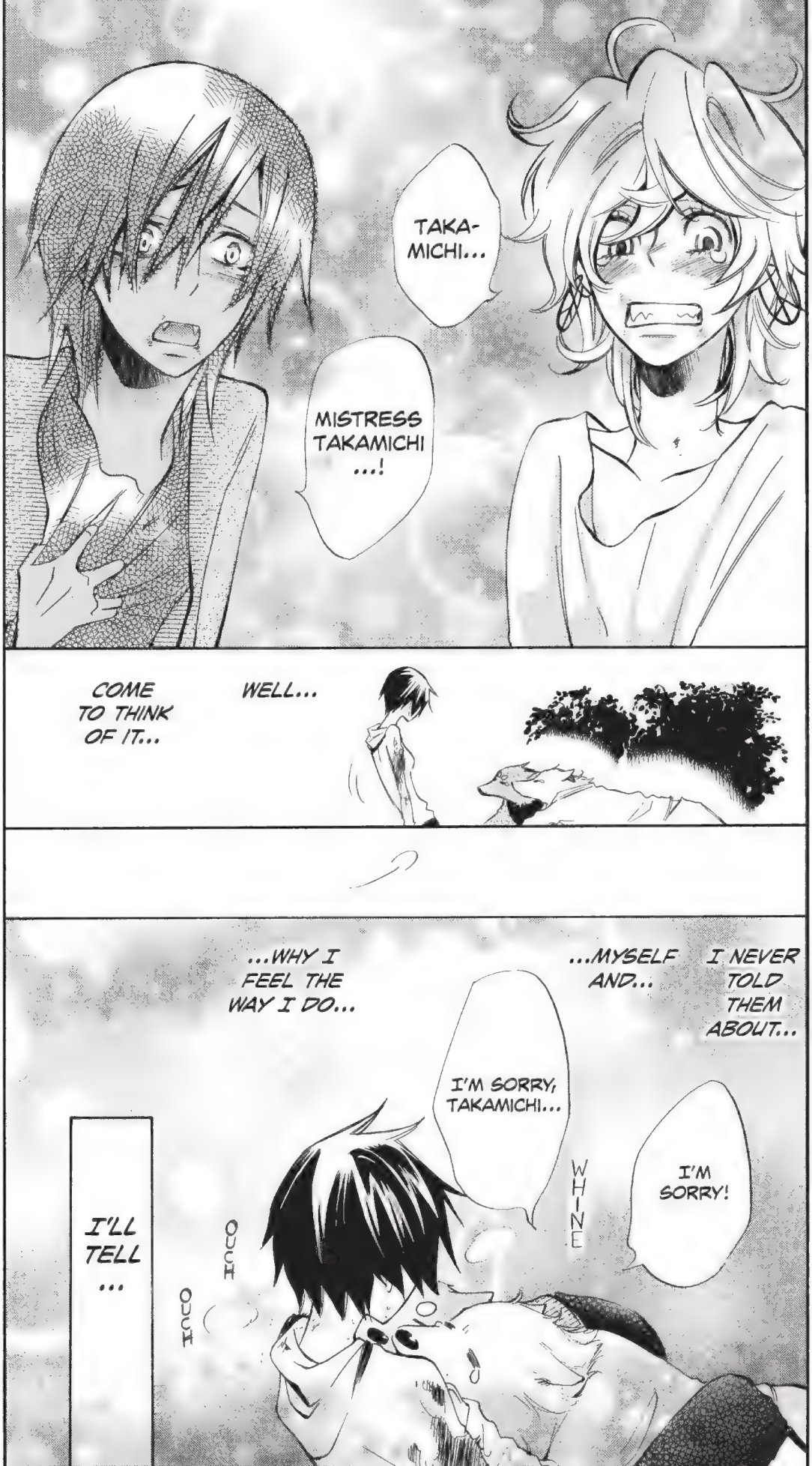
...
I KNEW IT!
YOU LIKE...
...NIGHT MORE THAN ME, TAKAMICHI!

OH...
SO THAT'S WHAT YOU...
ALL YOU WANT IS NIGHT!
YOU DON'T WANT ME, DO YOU?
HFF
OH. RIGHT ...
IS THAT WHAT'S BOTHERING YOU?
SNOW ...
G R R R
YOU'LL PAY FOR THIS...!

...I SHOULD TELL THEM.
NIGHT! DON'T!!
KR NCH
IF THEY DON'T KNOW...
...

TA-TUP
OH...
...
I'M SO SORRY!
I'M SO SORRY, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!!
...
TAKAMICHI...
WHY?
THROB
PAIN
WHY DID YOU PROTECT ME...?
TSK...
THROB
PAIN
SNOW!
I CAN'T BELIEVE I HAVE TO PUT EVERYTHING INTO WORDS...
NIGHT!
STGGR

STAB
I CARE ...
... ABOUT ...
WHAT A PAIN.
...BOTH OF YOU.
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT?!
IDIOTS.


TAKA-
MICHI...
MISTRESS
TAKAMICHI
...!
COME
TO THINK
OF IT...
WELL...
...WHY I
FEEL THE
WAY I DO...
...MYSELF
AND...
I NEVER
TOLD
THEM
ABOUT...
I'M SORRY,
TAKAMICHI...
I'M
SORRY!
WHINE
OUCH
OUCH
I'LL
TELL
...

GO AHEAD AND HOWL IF YOU WANT.
I'LL BLAME IT ON THE FULL MOON...
THE FULL MOON. IT'S BEAUTIFUL.
...AND TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT.
LOOK UP!
...YOU NOW.
ABOUT HOW OFTEN YOU'VE SAVED ME.
AND HOW MUCH...
...I LOVE YOU.
ZH!OOP
...?
!
I'LL TELL YOU...
...EVERY-THING BEFORE...
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!

HURRY!
...BEFORE THE FULL MOON DISAPPEARS.
HURRY!
...BEFORE I LOSE CONSCIOUSNESS.

JIU JIU
—獣従(じゅうじゅう)—

WALK 5: JIU JIU

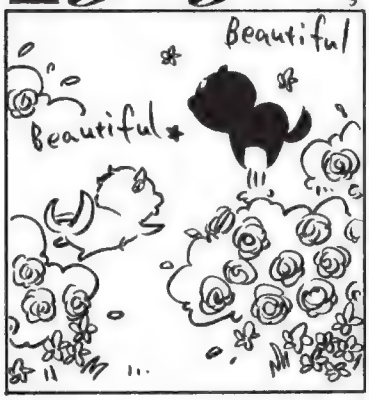
AS MY JIU JIU, YOU HAVE TO BE STRONG ...
...AND PROTECT ME!
YOU'RE MY JIU JIU!
WHINE
WHINE
WHINE
STOP CRYING, SNOW! NIGHT!
WELL?
ARE YOU UP FOR THAT?!
WHAT KIND OF AN ANSWER IS THAT?!
JIU JIU!

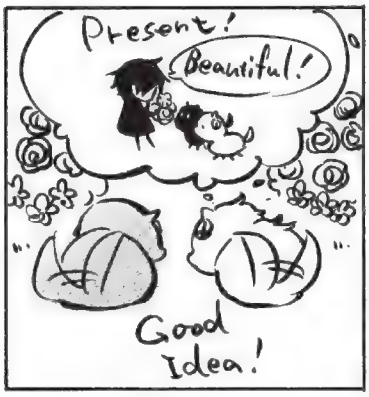
BNK BNK
TAKA-MICHI!
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
HEH...
AHA
WHAT KIND OF AN ANSWER IS "JIU JIU"?
HA...
SHE'S AWAKE...!
...!
...
!
SHOOP
...
LOOK AT YOU!
YOU'RE STARK NAKE...

ZING
ZING
DANG
DANG
...
THROB
WE'RE SORRY!
...
WE'RE SORRY WE BIT YOU, TAKAMICHI!
OH, THAT'S RIGHT...
MY LEFT SHOULDER. AND MY RIGHT ARM.
DOES IT HURT...?
THROB
THROB
"I'LL TELL THEM EVERYTHING."
DIDN'T I TELL YOU TO CONTROL YOURSELF DURING A FULL MOON...?
THROB
THROB

THEN TELL US LATER.
I CAN'T SUM UP MY SIXTEEN YEARS OF LIFE IN ONE PANEL!!
OF COURSE!
Idiot!
RSTL RSTL
SPONTANEOUS SOLILOQUY...
I USED TO HAVE A TWIN BROTHER. HIS NAME WAS TAKAYUKI.
IS THIS STORY GONNA TAKE LONG?
YES! HURRY!!
LET'S GO FOR A WALK, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
A WALK. WALK!
WHAT?!
SNOW! WIPE THAT BORED LOOK OFF YOUR FACE!
...AND THIS!
DO IT LIKE THIS...
I CAN'T HOLD YOUR LEASHES WITH THESE INJURIES.
NOOO
I CAN'T GO FOR A WALK.
Oh, I give up.
DON'T WORRY!!

TA
DAH
TA——DAH
TADADA——AH!


Beautiful
Beautiful

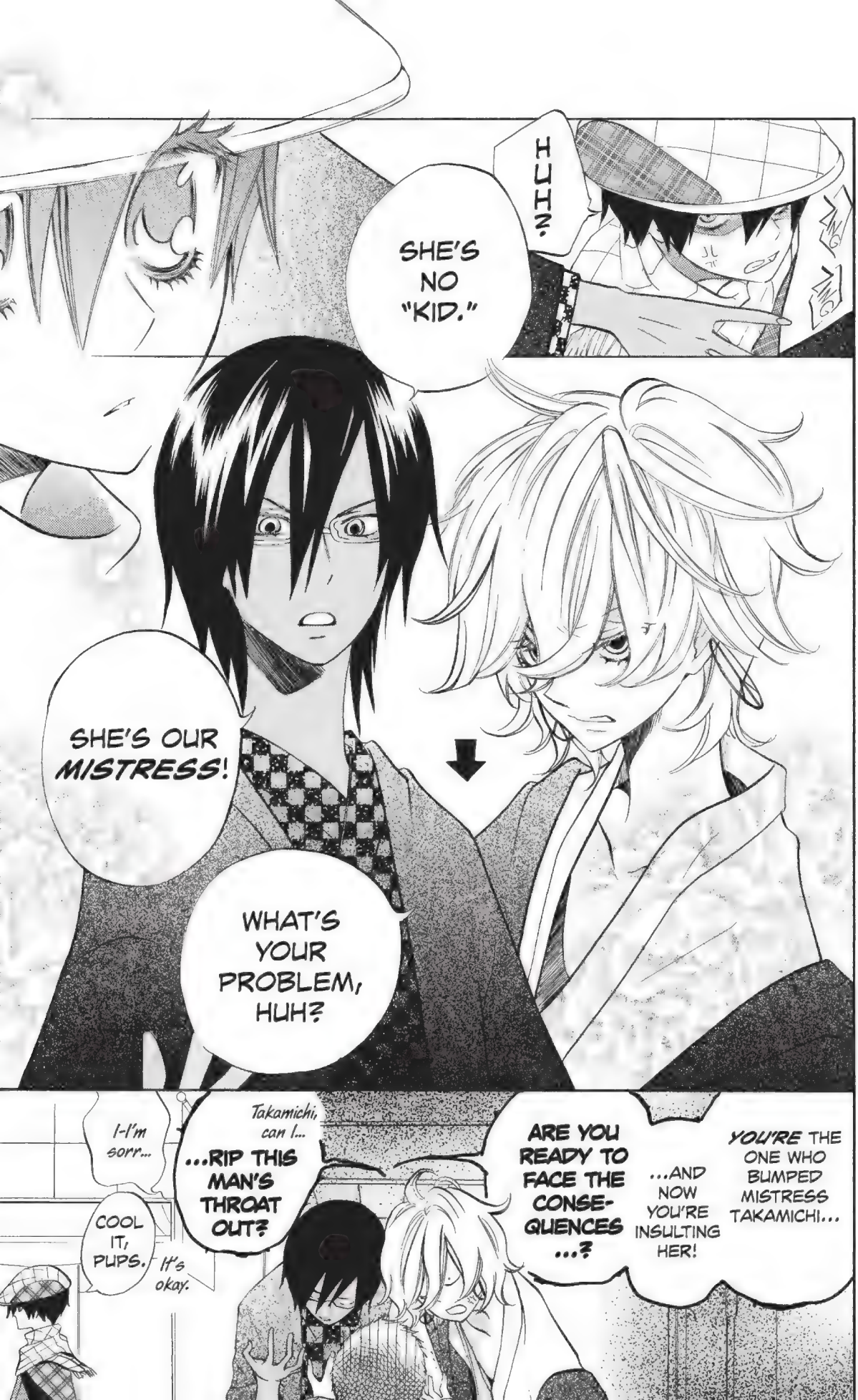

Present!
Beautiful!
Good Idea!

MISTRESS TAKAMICHI !!
OH...
...
NOT LIKE THAT!!

This is so fun.
Sooo fun!!
LIKE THIS!

...STUPID MUTTS!!
YOU ...
SPRUNG
OWW
WWF

THIS IS FUN.
THIS IS FUN.
SOFT
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI.
IS YOUR BELT IN THE RIGHT POSITION?
IT'S FINE.
BMP
WATCH WHERE YOU'RE GOING, KID!!
YOU BUMPED ME!
THROB
THROB
THROB
...
SO THEY DECIDED TO GO FOR A WALK IN HUMAN FORM.
IT'S HOT.
SNOW ...
WHY DO YOUR CLOTHES KEEP COMING UNDONE?
HEH HEH
...
I HOPE SOME ANIMAL RIGHTS ORGANIZATION EXPOSES YOU!
SOB...
SNELL
...


HUH?
SHE'S NO "KID."
SHE'S OUR MISTRESS!
WHAT'S YOUR PROBLEM, HUH?
YOU'RE THE ONE WHO BUMPED MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...
...AND NOW YOU'RE INSULTING HER!
ARE YOU READY TO FACE THE CONSE-QUENCES ...?
Takamichi, can I...
...RIP THIS MAN'S THROAT OUT?
It's okay.
I-I'm sorr...
COOL IT, PUPS.

FOR GOD'S SAKE...
III
II
I
B
TAKAMICHI, WAIT!
OH...
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI! DON'T LEAVE US BEHIND!
THEY TALK A TOUGH GAME NOW.
I'M PROUD...
...BUT KIND OF SAD TOO.
HOW WEIRD.
HMPH
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI! PLEASE DON'T MOVE AROUND SO MUCH- YOU'RE WOUNDED.
THEY'VE GOTTEN SELF-CONSCIOUS TOO...

Night dressed him.↑

THESE...
...LOOK GOOD, RIGHT?
WHAT? YOU WANT TO WEAR THAT?
NOT EVEN WORTH TEASING HIM ABOUT...
What a pain.
NIGHT.

I CAN'T SEE A THING.
CUT IT OUT!

Umm...
A HEAD-BUTT OR A FLYING KICK?
SO MANY CHOICES...
Oh! But I can't see anything through these.
GLASSES!

TAKAMICHI! HOW DO YOU PUT THIS ON?!
I DON'T KNOW!! GET AWAY FROM THAT DEPARTMENT!!

THAT WAS FUN.
LET'S DO IT AGAIN SOON.
NO!!
GRWWR

CHOMP
HERE!
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI!
GRWWR
?
...
COME TO THINK OF IT...
I'M HUNGRY MYSELF.
MNCH MNCH
...
HERE.
They left the store.
TAKA-MICHI...
SLURRP
MNCH

WHAT THE...
YOU'RE SO CUTE.
YOU GUYS ARE THE CUTE ONES!!
Woof.
Woof.

BLUSH
HEH
HEH
HEH

TAKAMICHI ...
THANKS FOR KEEPING US.
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI ...
THANK YOU FOR TAKING CARE OF US.
...EVEN THOUGH YOU KINDA NEGLECT US A LITTLE.

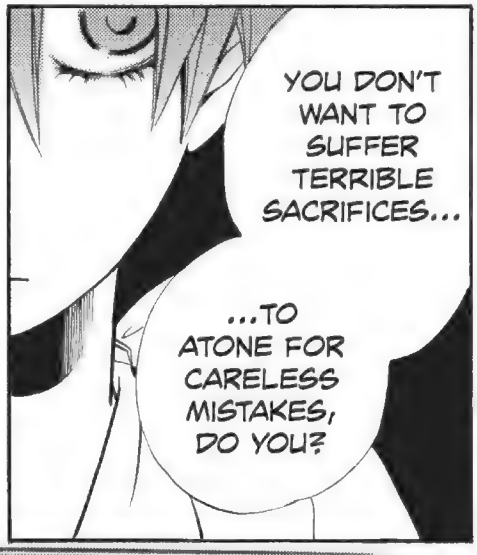
I LOVE YOU!

YOU IDIOTS.
THIS IS NUTS!
You're hurting me!
GET OFFA ME!
SHUV
THOSE ARE THE EXACT WORDS I WANTED TO SAY...
WE'LL TALK MORE LATER, 'KAY?
...
I'LL TELL THEM EVERYTHING THEN...
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI...
THE DOCTOR REQUESTED YOU COME SEE HIM UPON YOUR RETURN HOME.
OKAY.
I HAVEN'T GOTTEN A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN MYSELF YET...
OH...
...WELL.
I GUESS THERE'S ...

THEY BIT DOWN TO THE BONE, YOU KNOW!
...
GUESS I'M PRETTY GOOD AT DODGING ATTACKS... YAY, ME! I'M AMAZING!
THE WOLVES WOULD NEVER HAVE BITTEN YOU IF YOU WERE TRULY SO "AMAZING."

...PLENTY OF TIME FOR THAT.
SINCE WE'LL BE TOGETHER FOREVER.

IT WILL TAKE AT LEAST THREE MONTHS TO HEAL COMPLETELY.
IT'S A MIRACLE YOUR NERVES WEREN'T DAMAGED. THANKFULLY YOU SHOULDN'T HAVE ANY PROBLEMS AFTER YOU'VE HEALED.
KRCH


YOU DON'T WANT TO SUFFER TERRIBLE SACRIFICES...
...TO ATONE FOR CARELESS MISTAKES, DO YOU?

YOU ARE THE HEIR OF THIS CLAN.
YOU MUST TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY FOR YOUR ACTIONS.

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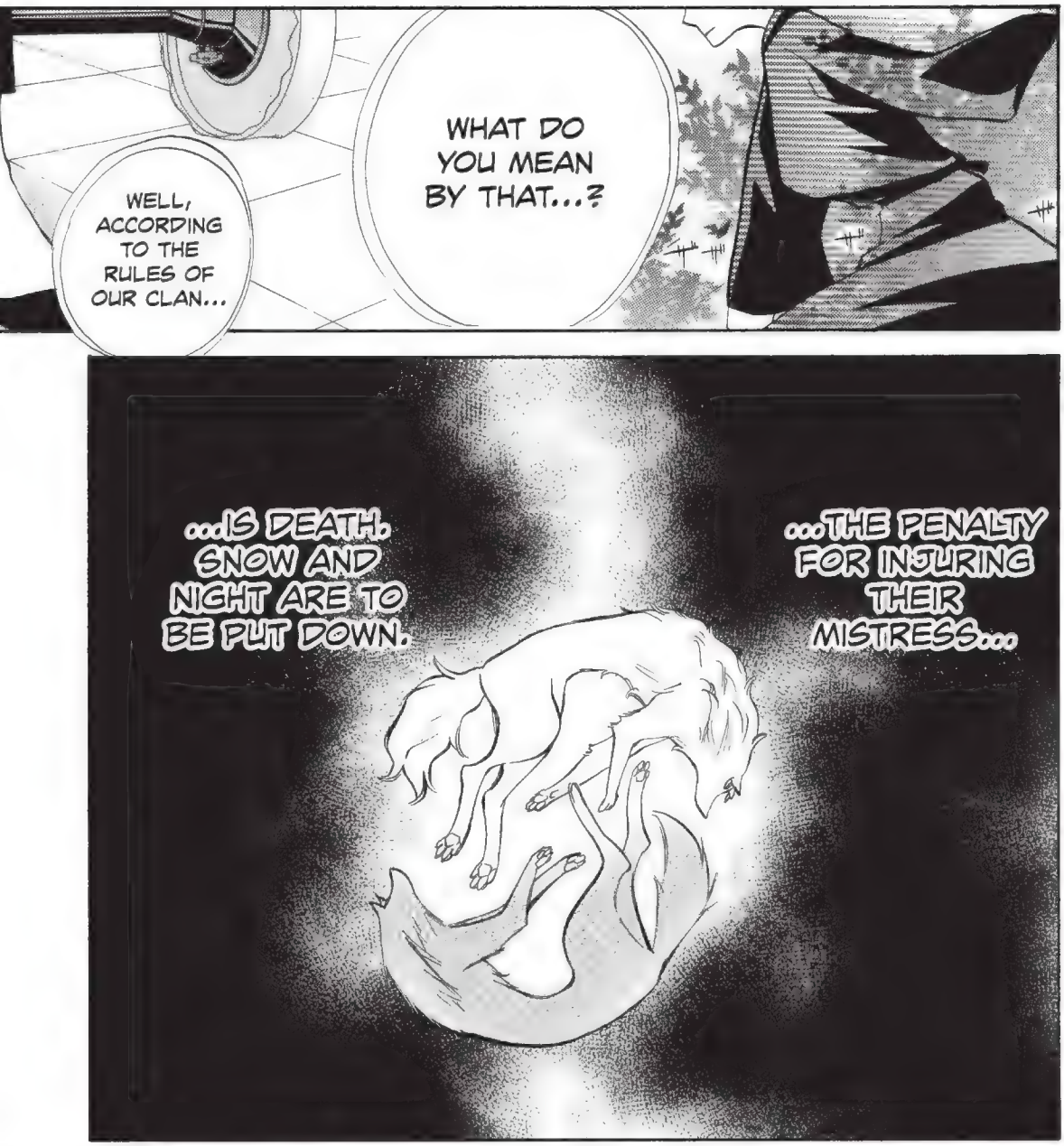
WELL, ACCORDING TO THE RULES OF OUR CLAN...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT...?
...IS DEATH. SNOW AND NIGHT ARE TO BE PUT DOWN.
...THE PENALTY FOR INJURING THEIR MISTRESS...

WE'LL ALWAYS ...
Walking.
Walking.
MISTRESS TAKAMICHI ...
RSTL
TAKAMICHI ...
ACTU-ALLY ...
...THEY SHOULD ALREADY BE-

WHINE
WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER.
WHINE
WHIN
WHY...
WHY DIDN'T I...
...REALIZE IT BEFORE?!
KRCH

SNOW!
NIGHT!
ARE YOU GOING TO LEAVE ME ALL ALONE AGAIN?!

...MY HEART!!

I'M TIRED OF LOSING...

...THE PEOPLE I CARE ABOUT...

...PROTECT ME AND...

NO.

WE'LL ALWAYS BE TOGETHER, WON'T WE?!

NO.

DIDN'T YOU PLEDGE TO SHARE THE BURDEN OF MY SINS WITH ME?!

NO.

I HAVEN'T EVEN HAD A CHANCE TO EXPLAIN YET!!

I...

YOU HAVE TO...

YOU KNOW THE RULES OF THIS CLAN!

YOU MUST TAKE RESPON-SIBILITY FOR...

RULES? SO WHAT?!

YOU ARE THE HEIR OF THIS CLAN.

HEIR? SO WHAT?!

...

I'M SORRY I...

...LEFT YOU ALL ALONE.

LET GO OF HER AT ONCE!

AND RECEIVE YOUR PUNISH-MENT!

JNGL

SORRY, TAKAMICHI.

NIGHT!

SNOW!

YOU'RE NOT...

...ALONE.

WHAT'S IT ALL FOR IF I CAN'T PROTECT THE ONES I LOVE!
WE'RE THE ONLY ONES WHO CAN PROTECT TAKAMICHI!
WE HAVE TO LIVE SO WE CAN FIGHT BY MISTRESS TAKAMICHI'S SIDE...
...EVEN IF THAT MAKES US AN ENEMY OF THE ENTIRE CLAN!
...
WE CAN'T DIE!
I'M NOT ALONE.
SNOW!
NIGHT!
AH... THAT'S RIGHT.

I WANT YOU TO KIDNAP ME, OKAY?
WE CAN DO ANY-THING...
...AS LONG AS WE'RE TOGETHER!
RS.T.L
!
THEY'RE GETTING AWAY!
NOW, NOW...
...
YOU MUSTN'T PROVOKE THEM TO KIDNAP YOU...

TAKA-MICHI!
FATHER!
HMPH
IT'S A GOOD THING I CAME HOME EARLY.
HEIR!
AND YOU...
YOU'RE BACK!
DON'T MAKE EDICTS IN MY ABSENCE.
WHAT?
Y-YES, SIR... I APOLOGIZE.
DON'T MAKE EDICTS IN MY ABSENCE.
BUT THE RULES SAY...
TAKAMICHI ...

BLINK
...FOR SNOW AND NIGHT.
YOU MAY DETERMINE THE PUNISHMENT...
PHEW
STRETCH
STRETCH
...
GOOD MORNING, TAKAMICHI.
SOW
EEZ
GOOD MORNING, MISTRESS TAKAMICHI.
OKAY. YOUR PUNISHMENT WILL BE...

I JUST THOUGHT WE COULD SPEND MORE TIME WITH YOU IN THIS FORM...
HUH?!
YOU'RE NOT ALLOWED TO BE IN HUMAN FORM IF YOU'RE GONNA RUN AROUND NAKED!
OH. I APOLOGIZE...

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To be continued...

HOW COME YOU'RE SLEEPING LIKE THAT?!
PUT SOME CLOTHES ON!!
AND QUIT TRANS-FORMING INTO HUMAN FORM!!
I'LL NEVER FORGET THAT SUMMER...
WHY ARE YOU SNUGGLING UP TO ME THEN IF YOU'RE SO HOT?!
SO HOT ...
AAAAH
IT'S HOT ...
Ah... MISTRESS TAKAMICHI ...
STGGR..
MY HAIR FEELS REALLY HOT.
BECAUSE IT'S TOO LONG!!
SNK
SNK
SNK

YOU OUGHT TO TRANSFORM BACK INTO WOLVES.
OOOOH
So cool and refreshing...
I'M NOT GOING FOR A...
...
LET'S GO FOR A WALK!!
OH! DOES THAT MEAN WE'RE GOING FOR A WALK?
HUH?
HOW COME IT TURNED OUT LIKE THIS?
Walk!
It'll be okay.
C'MON, LET'S GO.
?

Someone asked who I like more, Snow or Night. Thank you for your letter!! Well, obviously I like Mistress Takamichi best. But I would like to ***be*** Snow.

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